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BA tries to woo B-Cal with £200m

Scandinavian offer still appeals most to workers

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, and Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

British Airways tried to woo British Caledonian shareholders away from a deal with SAS yesterday by adding £81 million in cash to its previous offer.

Less than 24 hours after the Scandinavian airline had made a formal bid for a minority stake in B-Cal, British Airways produced a counter proposal which pushed the value of their cash offer up from £119 million to £200 million.

At B-Cal's Gatwick base, however, staff were said to be "euphoric" over the proposed link-up with SAS. Fewer jobs are likely to be lost if the Scandinavian proposal, rather than British Airways', is accepted.

The new British Airways offer values each B-Cal share at £9.72, one pound less than its original bid. The SAS offer values each share at £20.44.

The increased BA cash bid is largely in response to strong criticism of the offer made after the investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which virtually halved the cash offer made to B-Cal shareholders after the stock market collpase.

It was this, together with growing concern about job losses and the disappearance of the B-Cal name from scheduled air routes, which opened the way for SAS to make its own proposals. The B-Cal board immediately endorsed the proposals as being "financially more attractive". They were also excited by the prospect of creating a large, multinational airline.

Airline merger talks continued yesterday on the other side of the Atlantic as PanAm, the troubled American company, announced that it had signed a letter of intent with Braniff that could culminate in the two coming together.

Ironically, British Airways yesterday announced a tie-up of its own with a foreign airline. It has signed an agreement with United Airlines, of America, enabling BA to be "fed" passengers from dozens of cities in the United States which it cannot presently serve.

"The agreement represents an imaginative and creative initiative which will increase our influence in the US and worldwide markets", said Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive.

"As liberalization spreads worldwide, we hope to see a greater strengthening of our position in a number of markets through co-operation with other airlines, but until there is a truly free and fair market in civil aviation, with all carriers devoid of state subsidies, we must continue to look to this kind of deal to provide growth and momentum."

Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of B-Cal, said the United Airlines agreement was "an astonishing bit of timing".

"I could have used exactly the same words about our proposed link with SAS", he said last night. "This kind of international co-operation is bound to happen more and more. We are just a little ahead of the game.

"All we would be doing by our involvement with SAS is creating the same additional feed as BA is hoping to achieve with United."

British Airways, however, sees the deal differently.

"We are simply linking two independent, privately owned companies in a marketing deal", said a spokesman. "Neither can buy into the other and take effective control as SAS will be doing with B-Cal."

It is clear that there will now be at least two months of political division and intense lobbying on all sides over B-Cal.

The Civil Aviation *Authority is due to rule on* Monday over the question of "foreign" control of B-Cal.

Technically, the original British Airways share offer of 115 shares in BA for every 22 *held by B-Cal shareholders* still stands. But with BA's share price now substantially lower than before the collapse of the stock market, this would value the company at only around £147 million, compared with the cash alternative of £200 million.

"The potential benefits to BA of a merger with B-Cal justify and are fully reflected in the *revised offer*", British Airways said in a statement yesterday.

British Airways was also scathing of the SAS promise to inject £50 million in cash to *help restructure the airline.*

"BA does not consider that an injection of £50 million in cash, of which £11 million is effectively to be provided free from B-Cal's resources, is sufficient to secure the future of B-Cal as an independent airline.

"BA believes that B-Cal's business will be satisfactorily safeguarded only by a merger with BA", the statement said.

The B-Cal board is expected to meet over the weekend to discuss the new BA offer. A final decision will probably not be taken until early January.

A leading Conservative backbencher yesterday backed the SAS bid for a stake in B-Cal.

Mr Robert Adley, a vice-chairman of the back-bench Tory transport committee and one of 21 MPs publicly supporting the Scandinavian carrier's bid, told Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, and Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, that the Government should put the interests of the customer first in any ruling over the future of the company.

He said in a letter to them both that it was unreal to treat the SAS offer as tantamount to nationalizing the airline.

But Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, who is leading substantial Tory opposition to the deal, predicted that if SAS succeeded, B-Cal shareholders would rue the day they accepted its offer.

He told *The Times*: "If SAS were allowed to go ahead, it would lead to tears in the future because when extra capital is required it will raise the issue of whether SAS exerts control."

Privately, ministers including Mrs Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, welcomed the increased BA offer, but indicated it would not necessarily prove decisive.

Shares fall on record US deficit

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Share prices and the dollar plunged yesterday after a record US trade deficit was announced, prompting fears of a second wave of selling.

The US trade deficit rose to $17.63 billion in October from $14.1 billion in September. The figures, much worse than analysts had expected, sent shudders through the markets.

The FT-SE 100 index dropped sharply, falling more than 50 points, but recovered to close 19.7 points lower at 1,619.6. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average recovered earlier losses, rising 8.62 points at 1,911.14.

Central banks stepped in to support the dollar but could not prevent it hitting record lows against the yen. It closed below Y130 for the first time, ending Y3 down on the day at Y129.45.

Eurotunnel investors lost nearly 30 per cent on the shares in the first day of trading. The shares, offered at 350p, closed at 250p.

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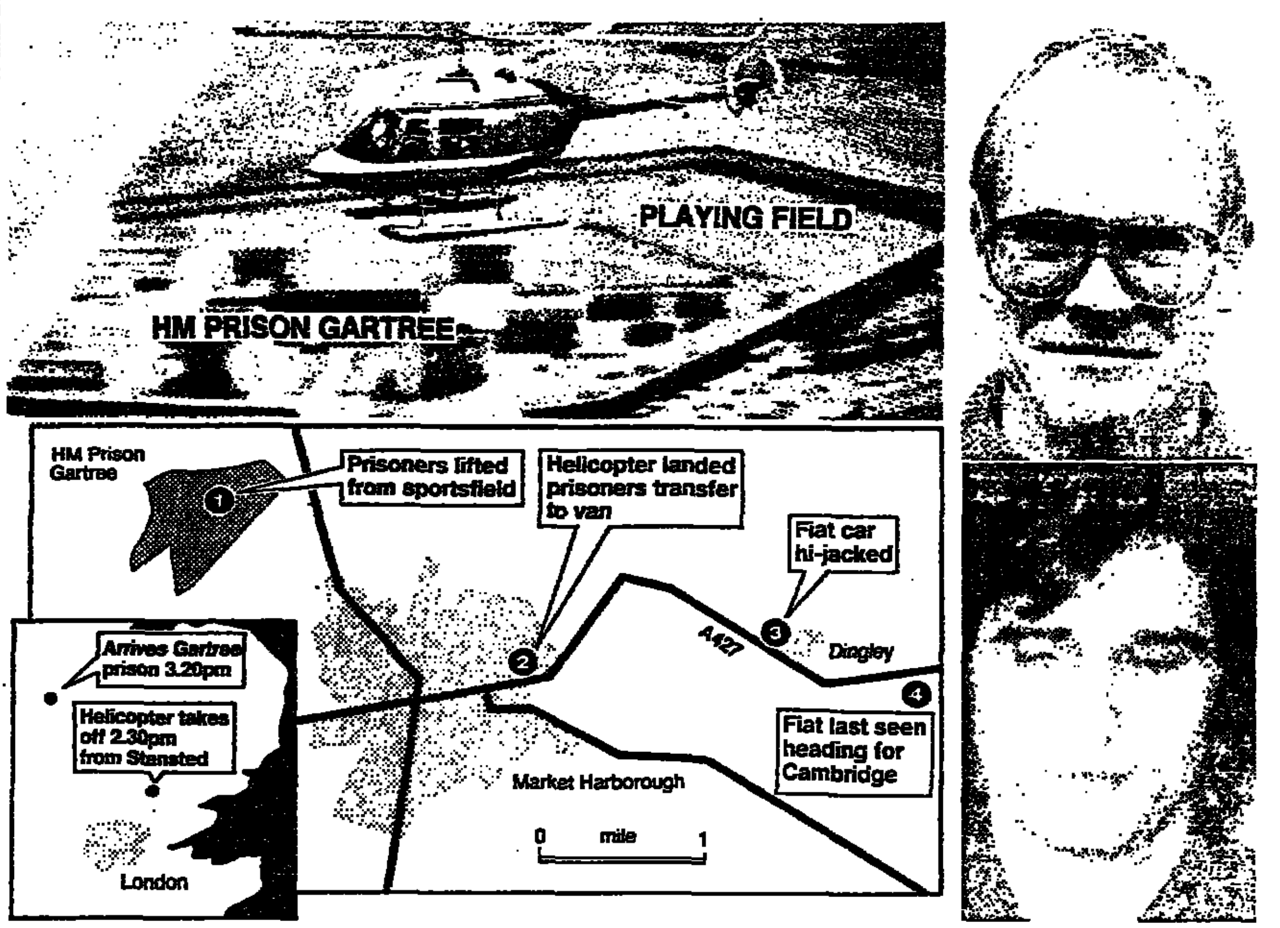
Helicopter frees two from top prison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Gartree prisoners John Kendall (top right) and Sydney Draper; and how the pair made their daring escape

Daring escape in under a minute

By Peter Evans,
Stewart Tendler and
Craig Seton

Two armed, dangerous prisoners escaped by helicopter from Gartree top security prison, Leicestershire, yesterday in a daring aerial operation that penetrated one of Britain's most modern prisons and freed two inmates in less than a minute.

Both men were described as dangerous by police last night as a manhunt began across the *Midlands. It is the first time* a helicopter has been used in a prison escape in this country.

The escaped prisoners are John Kendall, aged 36, and Sydney Thomas Draper, aged 39. Kendall was serving eight years for conspiracy to commit burglary and burglary. He was sentenced at Snaresbrook Crown Court on May 3 1983 and June 8 1983. Kendall and another *East London criminal* were released from a prison van by a gang in November 1984.

Draper, aged 39, was serving life with a recommendation that he serve 25 years for murder and theft. He was sentenced at the High Court of Judiciary in Glasgow in April 1974 for his part in a robbery on a British Rail depot at Springburn, Glasgow, when a security guard was shot dead.

During the escape, carefully choreographed, other prisoners impeded prison officers trying to intervene. The planners knew the men would be taking part in sports and could get a helicopter into one of the prison's perimeter fields.

The escape began just before dusk when the helicopter, after circling above the prison, landed on the sportsfield at 3.17 pm. The two prisoners, who were on exercise, ran and climbed aboard. The helicopter lifted off within 30 seconds. It relanded about 10 or 15 minutes later in Welland Park industrial estate in Market Harborough. There were four men on board, including the pilot and the two prisoners.

The three other men hijacked a car and went to Dingley, just outside Market *Harborough over the border* in Northamptonshire. There they took a Vauxhall van threatening the driver with what he later said was a CS gas canister. Then they hijacked a *red Fiat Uno, registration* number A773RRP, and made off.

The Augusta Bell executive helicopter, owned by Tal-Air, had been hired at Stansted airport, Essex, ostensibly for a tour of Leicester golf courses. The machine was hijacked in mid-air at gunpoint.

Reagan and Gorbachov aim for long-lasting links

A winning way with political animals

From Frank Johnson
Washington

Mr Gorbachov prepared to fly home last night after — according to yesterday's *New York Times* front page — "borrowing one of Mr Reagan's patented political tactics and taking his case directly to the American people." The paper added: "The strategy seems to have paid off." What was more likely was that Mr Gorbachov had taken his case directly to the American politicians — a very different, more impressionable, lot. That certainly seemed to have paid off.

When he met members of Congress on Wednesday, one of the legislators was sufficiently emboldened to complain to him about how few people were allowed to leave the Soviet Union. Mr Gorbachov raised a mock rifle in his hands. "You stand on the Mexican border," he said — implying that the United States shot Mexicans trying to leave Mexico. Officers of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service do not, as a rule, stand on the border and shoot Mexicans trying to get in. If they did, there would be many more premature deaths among Mexicans.

But Senator Robert Byrd, the Democratic majority leader, commented of Mr Gorbachov's debating thrust: "There was not a hell of a lot we could say in response."

Why not? The Soviet Union's problem with potential immigrants is to do with people trying to get out. That of the US is to do with people trying to get in. This would seem to tell us something about the relative popularity of the two countries as places in which to live.

Mr Gorbachov should be the one without a hell of a lot to say in response. Instead, Mr Robert Michel, the Republican minority leader in the House of Representatives, gushed: "He's a very smart individual, very a ttuned to our system, how it operates." Mr Tony Coelho, a Californian Democrat representative, added: "He's one of us — a political animal."

To those of us who are neither Soviet nor US citizens, it does not seem as if Mr Gorbachov is one of them — an American political animal just like Mr Coelho. Mr Coelho underestimates his own craft. Mr Gorbachov is good at impressing American political animals. But that is easier than being one of them

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Summit justified our hopes, say leaders

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday declared that his three-day summit with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov had been a clear success. Like the star on the Christmas tree it had lit up hopes for all people of goodwill.

"Both the General Secretary and I walk away from our meetings with a sense of accomplishment," he said.

Standing side by side with Mr Gorbachov on the south lawn of the White House under a soft drizzle, Mr Reagan said that the two had agreed to continue the dialogue on human rights at the highest level. The discussion on regional conflicts had been no less to the point. The two had spoken "bluntly". But that had been useful. The door had been opened to ending these regional conflicts.

The two leaders had also agreed on increased contacts and a breaking down of artificial barriers. Mr Reagan said the two countries needed a realistic understanding of each other. They needed patience, creativity and persistence. The framework for building such a relationship had been strengthened.

"I intend to use this framework for a more constructive relationship, one that is long-lasting rather than transitory."

Mr Reagan said the medium-range arms treaty the two men had signed did indeed "make history". With emotion in his voice, he asked Mr Gorbachov to take back with him to Moscow his "best wishes" for the New Year to the Soviet people.

Mr Gorbachov said in reply: "We note with satisfaction that the visit to Washington has on the whole justified our hopes." He said the three days of hard work had been pivotal to Soviet-American relations.

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A good deal had been accomplished and the two sides had taken an "unprecedented step" with the signing of the arms treaty, which he hoped would set in motion the process of disarmament.

Flanked by his wife, with Mrs Reagan standing beside the President, Mr Gorbachov said he had no intention of minimising the importance of his meetings with congressmen, intellectual leaders and others so that they could get a better understanding of each other and remove established stereotypes. These meetings were important both for policy making and bringing peoples together.

In bidding farewell to America he hoped he would have a chance next time to meet its great people face to face to chat and to get to know them.

Today the Soviet Union and the US were closer to the common goal of mutual security, but there was still much work to be done. Mr *Gorbachov ended* by saying: "We are grateful for your hospitality and wish success, well-being and peace to all Americans."

After a 90-minute delay while their experts' reports were examined, President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov held their final round of talks in an atmosphere of optimism but with progress on the vexed questions of Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and strategic arms cuts still in the balance. Despite very strong language from President Reagan, no substantial change was expected in Soviet policies on human rights.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet spokesman, said it was not simply a question of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, but how to ensure national reconciliation there and stop outside help to the "contras", as he called the insurgents.

Officials cleared by Synod inquiry

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Two senior officials at the centre of the controversy over the preface to *Crockford's Clerical Directory* were yesterday exonerated by a committee of the General Synod of the Church of England.

Mr Derek Pattinson, secretary general of the General Synod, and Mr James Shelley, secretary of the Church Commissioners, were cleared of criticism over their handling of the affair, which ended in the death of the preface's author, Dr Gary Bennett.

After about three hours of discussion by the General Synod's policy sub-committee, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said the committee had confined its attention up to that point to the "manner" of the preface's publication.

The choice of the author of the preface and the procedure for publication were the responsibility of Mr Pattinson and Mr Shelley, "who gave Dr Bennett an assurance of complete anonymity", said Dr Runcie.

"In that and all other respects they acted strictly in accordance with precedent. The committee expresses its complete confidence in the way these officers handled the whole matter."

Dr Runcie answered no questions, and last night no *further details* were available. However, some indication of the atmosphere in the committee was given when one of its members, the Rev David Holloway from Jesmond, *Newcastle upon Tyne, insisted* on making a separate statement to the press after the archbishop had left. He said he had not been allowed to raise in the sub-committee

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Alliance is new name

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The Alliance will be the official shorthand name of the new party to be formed out of a merger of the Liberals and the SDP, it was disclosed last night.

The announcement that the leaders of the two parties had reached agreement on the constitution and terms of the new party came after weeks of tortuous negotiations.

This means they are on course for conferences next month at which they will ratify the deal. Then there will be membership ballots and a launch in time for next year's council elections.

In a move aimed at making it difficult for Dr David Owen and his supporters to lay claim to the SDP title, the new centre party will also have a longer title: The New Liberal and Social Democratic Party.

Gatting comes under the whip in the Commons

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday issued an unprecedented rebuke to Mike Gatting, the England cricket captain, for his behaviour which has jeopardized the tour of Pakistan.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, told MPs that there could be no excuse for flouting *the authority* of judges, referees or umpires.

Mr Wakeham surprised the House by reading out an obviously prepared statement during the routine weekly exchanges on next week's Commons business schedule.

It underlined the Government's concern over the damage which this week's incidents could cause to Anglo-Pakistan relations, and its efforts to improve the image of sport, badly dented by recent incidents in football, cricket and boxing.

Mr Wakeham said: "Whatever the circumstances, there *can be no excuse* for flouting the authority of judges, referees or umpires. Such respect is fundamental to the playing of any sport. The question of the enforcement of standards of discipline and umpiring are matters for the cricketing authorities."

Mr Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, said last night that "every effort" was being made to save the tour. "I don't want to predict anything but we're hopeful that the Test match can be restarted tomorrow morning", he said after the board's winter meeting at Lord's.

"Disciplinary action was not discussed. Gatting is captain of England now and for the rest of the winter, which includes of course the tour to New Zealand, and no steps have been taken to the contrary."

Mr Smith said there was no talk during the meeting of bringing home the England tourists. No contingency plans had been discussed should play not restart today. He confirmed that the match had been reduced to four days because of the blank Wednesday.

The TCCB issued a short official statement. "TCCB chairman Raman Subba Row has been in contact with General Butt, president of the Pakistan board, and Ijaz Butt, the Pakistan board secretary. TCCB chief executive, Alan Smith, has also been in regular touch with the England manager, Peter Lush.

"It has been agreed between TCCB and the Pakistan board that every effort must be made to restart the Test match tomorrow morning and the means to this end are currently being discussed in Faisalabad by Peter Lush and the Pakistan authorities."

● Labour MPs have called for neutral umpires to be used in Test matches.

The MPs, led by Mr Alan Meale, MP for Mansfield, called on Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister of Sport, to contact the national and international cricketing bodies with a view to negotiating new guidelines for player discipline and the standard of umpiring.

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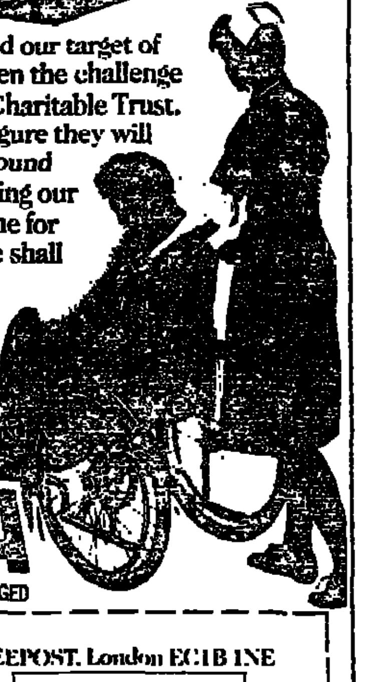

NEWS ROUNDUP

IBA intervenes in access dispute

The Independent Broadcasting Authority will today attempt to break the deadlock between the independent television companies and independent programme makers over access to television channels. Mr John Whitney, director general, stepped in last night after the breakdown in talks between the two sides over arrangements for the purchase and use of programmes made by independents for Britain's commercial stations.

Mr David Shaw, director of the ITV Association, which represents Britain's 16 commercial stations, and Mr Michael Darlow, chief negotiator for the Independent Access Steering Committee, representing the country's 600 independent production companies, will meet Mr Whitney at IBA headquarters this morning. The Government wants the independents to make about 25 per cent of programmes, worth £300 million a year.

Belfast boost

A grant of £1,125.000 towards the £4.1 million cost of six local enterprise projects in north and west Belfast was announced yesterday by the International Fund for Ireland.

The fund, which has about £28 million, was set up last December by the governments of the United States, Canada and New Zealand to promote economic and social developments throughout Ireland and particularly cross-Border initiatives. In the first year the fund had committed £8 million, Mr Charles Brett, its chairman said.

Ridley responds

An attempt to head off a rebellion by Conservative MPs over the planned community charge was last night made by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

With the second reading of the Local Government Finance Bill only a week away Mr Ridley went before a special meeting of Tory backbenchers to lambast the alternative proposal for a charge based on people's ability to pay. Twenty-one Tory MPs have backed a motion urging the committee discussing the Bill to consider the banded charge.

Ferry cargo warning

Highly dangerous chemicals which were on the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise when she capsized at Zeebrugge are about to be shipped to Britain, Mr James Provan, European Parliament member for North East Scotland, said yesterday.

He added that some of the chemicals had been stored at a Belgian army base but he had been told they were now awaiting shipment. "There is concern they may be unstable and the containers corroded." He said there were more than sixty chemicals on the ferry, the most dangerous of which was 61 drums of cyanide.

Actress in libel win

The actress Charlotte Cornwell was awarded £11,500 libel damages in the High Court yesterday for an article which called her "wally of the week" and made derogatory comments about her size and singing ability.

However, Miss Cornwell, aged 38, will have to pay her legal costs, estimated to total £50,000. She was awarded £10,000 damages in her original action in 1985 against Miss Nina Myskow , a television critic, over the article in the *People*.

The Court of Appeal had later ordered a re-trial.

Midwife crisis

Mothers and babies' lives are being put at risk by a critical shortage of midwives, the Royal College of Midwives said yesterday.

The college said that in a recent case, a baby died after a midwife failed to pick up distress signals on a foetal heart monitoring machine because she had three other mothers to look after.

The college is calling for a minimum wage of £9,000 a year for qualified midwives to help ease the crisis.

Ideally, hospitals should have one midwife on duty for each mother.

Heart op baby buried

David Barber, the hole in the heart baby who died aged eight weeks, was buried yesterday close to the home he never saw. David died last Saturday, the day he was due to go home from Birmingham Children's Hospital after a heart operation that had been postponed five times because of a shortage of intensive care nurses.

His parents, Mrs Diane Walker and Mr Philip Barber, both aged 28, were joined by 200 other mourners who filled the Methodist church in their home village of Silverdale, near Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

Perks soar as South-east firms vie for staff

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Banks, stores and other service industries in the South-east are having to pay more and more and offer even better perks to attract and keep staff, according to a report on the region's labour market.

All main retailers are under pressure, with West End stores, wealthy areas with low unemployment and superstores located near motorways all reporting recruitment difficulties.

Building societies, finance houses and insurance companies are suffering the same difficulties.

Places with particular difficulties include Reading, Swindon, Oxford and the areas around the big airports.

The report, by Incomes Data Services, says qualified staff have been in such short supply that companies resorted to "non-traditional" recruitment practices – poaching individuals or whole departments. In turn, this means employees have organized their careers to maximize short-term earnings, the report says.

It covers the labour market in London and the surrounding areas of Surrey, Kent, Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hampshire and Sussex – known to employers, according to the report, as Roseland, or Rest of the South-east outside London.

Marks & Spencer told *The Times* it paid a London weighting allowance of £1,800 and a South-east allowance of £1,600.

An M&S sales assistant in Oxford Street in central London earns £136.50 a week, including the special allowance. In outer London the same job commands £121 and in the rest of the UK £108.50 a week.

Allders in Croydon, south London, is advertising in the North in an attempt to fill 60 vacancies. The store offers help in finding accommodation.

Marks & Spencer, Selfridges and British Home Stores all provide interest-free loans for season tickets. Some food retailers report staff turnover rates of 100 per cent or more and others were bending rules in order to pay higher rates at key stores.

Safeways introduced a new intermediate rate of about £100 at nominated stores outside central London. Radio Rentals recently increased its London allowance by more than 50 per cent and one stores group seeking ways of attracting workers from outside London looked at buying a hotel in which to house them.

The National and Provincial Building Society's decision to pay an inner London allowance of £3,450 a year to employees with five years' service from last October was a response to severe problems in holding on to staff.

A £3,000 inner London allowance was introduced this year by the four main clearing banks and other financial institutions, with £750 for the rest of the South-east.

The Bank of Scotland reported intolerable levels of staff turnover after finding it could relocate staff to London but could not keep them after they arrived. It introduced a £2,000 allowance.

The report blames the high cost of housing and the supply and quality of labour for the shortage. Much of the upward movement was created by a 23 per cent growth in financial service employment, which now provides one in five of all jobs in London. Demand has been particularly intense for professionally qualified staff.

Banks and other financial institutions offered across-the-board increases to all London staff through the Federation of London Clearing Banks.

The Halifax Building Society extended the area and the allowance and the National Westminster Bank broke ranks, increasing its inner London allowance and introducing a £750 payment for "Roseland".

The offer was promptly matched by other banks fearful of giving the National Westminster a competitive edge.

Labour Market Supplement, London and the South-east (Incomes Data Services, 193 St John Street, London EC1 4LS, available on subscription)

Jail threat to journalist as Lords rule on sources

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A journalist faces possible imprisonment or an unlimited fine after a House of Lords ruling yesterday that he has no "reasonable excuse" to refuse to disclose the sources of articles about insider dealing to the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors.

In a judgement with far-reaching implications for the Press, five law lords held unanimously that Mr Jeremy Warner, a financial journalist, could not rely on the statutory protection against disclosure under section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act, 1981.

This provides that journalists cannot be compelled to disclose their sources, or be found guilty of contempt for not doing so, unless it is established that disclosure is necessary either in the interests of justice, for national security, or for the prevention of crime.

The department's inspectors have argued that in this case they need the source for "the prevention of crime" which the law lords held had the wide meaning of "detection and prosecution of crimes".

Mr Warner was ordered to go before a judge in the Chancery Division who will decide what, if any, punishment is appropriate. Under the Contempt of Court Act he could face an unlimited fine or up to two years' imprisonment. The hearing is not expected before Christmas.

Yesterday Mr Warner said he would not reveal his sources, even if it meant going to prison.

"I am in an impossible position", he said after the ruling. "Either I reveal my sources and commit professional suicide; or I accept whatever punishment, if any, they choose to hand out."

Mr Warner, whose wife is expecting, said he viewed the prospect of prison with "some trepidation" but he believed it was essential to uphold the journalist's principle of non-disclosure of sources.

"I am going to stick to my guns", he said. "The public has a right to put their trust in the press; and be guaranteed anonymity, and be able to talk to the press without fear or reprisals of any sort. If that is undermined, it would hinder the free flow of information to newspapers."

The ruling is the first test of the statutory protection under the Contempt of Court Act.

The last time two journalists went to prison over the protection of sources was in 1963. Brendan Mulholland and Reginald Foster were imprisoned for six months and three months respectively after refusing to disclose their informants to the Vassall tribunal.

Yesterday one of the law lords, Lord Oliver, admitted that the inspectors had only narrowly discharged the burden of showing they needed to know the source.

He added that he was concerned it should not be thought that the Act's protection "can be overcome merely by a ritualistic assertion" that information was needed for crime prevention.

Mr Warner, aged 32, has refused to disclose the sources of two articles he wrote in connection with suspected leaks of price-sensitive information about takeover bids from the Office of Fair Trading, the Department of Trade and Industry or the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

"I do not accept they have proved the source is necessary for the prevention of crime", Mr Warner said yesterday.

The first article was written when he was with on *The Times* and was published in November 1985; and the second after he had become business correspondent with *The Independent* on October 26 1986.

Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, editor of *The Independent*, which is backing Mr Warner, said last night he was disappointed.

"I had hoped the House of Lords would see we have only a few exceptional occasions where journalists should not be compelled to reveal their sources; and this does seem to be one of those."

● Mr Neil Kinnock last night condemned the law lords' decision as outrageous.

He said the ruling meant the suppression of the only real means of disclosing sharp and illegal practices in financial operations in the City.

He said no one asked the police to disclose their sources as long as they ultimately had the evidence. The injunction on the BBC was part of the same atmosphere of suppression, Mr Kinnock added.

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Mr James Shelley, secretary of the Church Commissioners (left), and Mr Derek Pattinson, Secretary General of the General Synod, who were yesterday exonerated from criticism over their handling of the *Crockford's* preface

Clerics deny plot on Runcie

By Mark Ellis

The influential Anglo-Catholic lobby in the Church of England strenuously denied yesterday that the preface to *Crockford's Clercial Directory* was part of a conspiracy against the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

And in a letter to *The Times* today, the Rev John Broadhurst, chairman of the Catholic Group in General Synod, also distanced himself from the attack on Dr Runcie's leadership contained in the preface written by Dr Gareth Bennett, himself a leading member of the group.

***The Church Times* today calls for an end to the practice of publishing unsigned prefaces, a full explanation from the highest levels of the church as to why it was published, unqualified apologies and a firm promise of honourable dealing in the future.**

It describes the events leading to the death of Dr Bennett, who was found dead on Monday in a car filled with exhaust fumes at his home in Marston, near Oxford, as "a profoundly unhappy episode in the history of the Church of England" that underlines "the evil of anonymous writing".

Of Dr Bennett, it says: "His mistake was not to foresee the response. He may well have expected that his critique of the Church of England's leadership would draw amused and even admiring comment in the comparative privacy of clerical and academic circles. He cannot have guessed at the malevolent interest it would provoke in the national press."

Fr Broadhurst issued a statement yesterday on behalf of the executive committee of the Catholic Group, of which Dr Bennett was a member for five years, denying claims by Mr Peter Bruinvels, a former Conservative MP and group member, that a High Church campaign was being waged to force Dr Runcie to retire next year and to block his replacement by Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York.

The statement added: "No member of the group had any prior knowledge as to its contents. The allegations made by Mr Peter Bruinvels are entirely untrue."

The Catholic Group has the support of about a third of the 580 members of the Church of England's governing body, the General Synod, and actively promotes the theology of Anglo-Catholicism which was favoured by Dr Bennett.

Dr Bennett, aged 58, an Oxford theologian and fellow of New College, Oxford, will be cremated next Tuesday after a requiem service in the chapel of his old college.

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Far-left posting prevented

By Roland Rudd

The Civil and Public Services Association was prevented from appointing a leading supporter of the Militant Tendency as its national organizer yesterday when the president suspended an executive meeting.

Militant executive members demanded that Mr Kevin Roddy be officially named as the union's head of organization.

The deputy-general secretary, Mr John Macreadie, issued a circular stating that the selection committee had already picked Mr Roddy.

Mrs Marion Chambers, the association's president, ruled Mr Macreadie out of order, arguing that since four of the union's leading officers had walked out of the selection committee it had no authority.

She warned the executive: "If you attempt to railroad Kevin Roddy through, I will instruct the general secretary not to follow it.

"I warn you now if you attempt to make this corrupt move and the union is damaged you will be held responsible. You have been warned what will happen if you persist in trying to turn this union into the arm of the Militant Tendency in Whitehall."

Mrs Chambers then took the unprecedented action of suspending the executive meeting, and the moderates walked out.

They alleged that Mr Kevin Roddy had indicated at a conference of the union's Broad Left group, five days before nominations closed for head of organization, that he was withdrawing from other positions he had held for 13 years.

Mr Macreadie challenged Mrs Chambers' right to suspend the meeting, arguing that the selection committee had acted constitutionally in choosing Mr Roddy.

Mr John Ellis, general secretary, said that for a political group to determine who should be given union jobs, irrespective of the agreed selection procedures, was "against conference policy, the interests of the union and the constitution".

Three supporters of the Militant Tendency have already been appointed assistant secretaries.

The executive met again yesterday afternoon after the far left members agreed to defer making a decision on who should become national organizer until the next executive meeting in February 1988.

Social workers to face blame

By David Cross

Social workers responsible for Kimberley Carlile, the girl aged four who was tortured and battered to death by her stepfather, are expected to be castigated today in the official report into her death.

The 282-page document will highlight the role of those in charge of her welfare on the Kidbrooke housing estate in Greenwich, south-east London.

They failed to detect the chain of suffering which left her body covered with cigarette burns and bruises when she died weighing only 24lbs in June last year.

Her stepfather, Nigel Hall, aged 24, is serving a life sentence for her murder and her mother, Pauline Carlile, aged 27, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for assault and cruelty.

The report, based on the testimony of 60 witnesses who attended a 28-day private inquiry chaired by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, will be given to leaders of Greenwich council and the local health authority this morning.

One of the key points in the report will be how far staff shortages in Greenwich social services department were to blame

Mr Martin Ruddock, the team leader in charge of her case, has acknowledged that despite his concern, neither he nor his colleagues saw her during the final weeks

IRA bunker found

By John Cooney

A bunker the size of a small house has been discovered by the Irish security forces who believe it was intended for storage of 150 tonnes of weaponry from Libya for the IRA, intercepted by the French authorities.

The bunker, which is 55ft long, 11ft wide and 9ft high, was found south of Dublin near Arklow, Co Wicklow.

It was also disclosed by Irish police that they have found a smaller bunker in Co Cork at Midleton.

Those two finds follow the discovery of a fully equipped underground bunker at Gort.

Mr Jerry Collins, the Republic's justice minister, said in the Irish Parliament yesterday that the search had uncovered 22 rifles, 15 revolvers, 13 shotguns, 4,300 cartridges, 2,300 bullets, 43 detonators, two timing devices and 1 cwt of suspected explosive mix.

Stud farms lose rates exemption

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Four hundred stud farms in England and Wales lost their House of Lords test case appeal for rate exemptions yesterday.

Five Law Lords unanimously dismissed the appeal by Whitsbury Farm and Stud Ltd, Fordingbridge, Hampshire; and ruled that its premises – used for breeding and rearing thoroughbreds – could not claim the benefit of agricultural derating.

The decision will mean a hefty rates bill for hundreds of stud farms. Local rating authorities had delayed their rate demands pending the hearing.

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association said yesterday that it would consider the decision with its advisers to see whether it could be "reversed by parliamentary means".

Mr Charles Morrison, Conservative MP for Devizes and chairman of the All-Party Racing and Thoroughbred Breeding Industry Committee, said: "In future, our efforts must be political rather than legal."

Mr Chris Harper, owner of Whitsbury Farm, over which the test case was brought, said the ruling would mean a rates bill of £8.000.

Whitsbury Farm had initially won a valuation court ruling that its buildings were exempt from rates as "agricultural" buildings under the terms of the General Rates Act, 1967.

However, in November 1984, the Lands Tribunal allowed an appeal by the rating authorities and the tribunal's decision was upheld by the Court of Appeal two years later.

Yesterday, the law lords said the valuation officer's concession that the land occupied with the stud farm buildings was agricultural, since it was used for grazing horses, was correct.

But the buildings did not satisfy a second requirement – that they should be used "solely in connection with agricultural operations".

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Docklands about-turn on adviser

The London Docklands Development Corporation has reversed its decision to re-employ the deputy chairman dismissed by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, last week.

Within hours of that dismissal, Mr Christopher Benson, chairman of the corporation, announced that Mr John Mills would be re-employed as his special adviser.

Yesterday, however, the firm issued a terse statement that Mr Mills would not be re-employed. Beyond acknowledging his "considerable contribution" to the corporation it would make no comment.

Mr Mills was dismissed by Mr Ridley for failing to disclose the collapse of two of his companies and two criminal convictions relating to his previous career.

When the corporations's plans to re-employ Mr Mills first became known, the Department of the Environment emphasized that Mr Ridley was empowered to intervene only in the appointment of board members. However, it has since emerged that the Secretary of State must be consulted on the employment of advisers if their proposed salary is above a certain level.

It is believed Mr Mills was being offered the same £18,000-a-year salary as he enjoyed in his former post.

The Department of the Environment refused to comment last night on whether Mr Ridley had blocked Mr Mills's re-employment. Mr Benson and members of the LDDC board contacted by *The Times* would not discuss the matter. Mr Mills, a former Labour councillor in Camden, was unavailable for comment.

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Secrecy row over Lawson wife's drink-drive case

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Thérèse Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer's wife, was banned from driving for a year yesterday after being whisked unannounced into a London court on a drink driving offence.

MrsLawson's name was not listed among cases to be dealt with at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court. She appeared in court as the first case of the day soon after being charged at Rochester Row police station.

She was fined £125 as well as losing her licence for an offence committed on Friday November 13.

Opposition MPs said that as the wife of a Cabinet minister, she had been given special treatment.

Scotland Yard said: "We reject any suggestion that she was treated any differently from anyone else".

Mrs Lawson, aged 43, went to Rochester Row police station with her solicitor at 9.30am and was charged with driving with excess alcohol in her bloodstream.

She was two milligrams above the 80 milligram legal limit and police had discretion whether to charge or caution her.

Chief Inspector Mark Shaw charged her at Rochester Row station and bailed her to appear in court. Mr Shaw said afterwards that there had been no undue haste. Mrs Lawson came to the police station, she was prepared to plead guilty, and the court yesterday was the first opportunity to deal with her.

Mr Shaw said it was "a straightforward case with no other actions to be considered. A plea of guilty was being entered, she was represented in court and there was no reason why it could not be dealt with there and then."

The chief inspector said he had no idea why Mrs Lawson had appeared first in court. It was not unusual for charges to be left off the court list if they were made after the typescript list was compiled.

The Chancellor's wife failed a breath test after her Austin Maestro car collided with a bus outside Scotland Yard. She identified herself to the bus driver, giving her address as 11 Downing Street.

No one was hurt in the accident and she was held for three hours before her release on police bail.

Yesterday Mrs Lawson, described as a housewife of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol in her bloodstream.

Mr Richard Almond, for the prosecution, told the court that after being taken to a police station after the accident on November 13 Mrs Lawson was found to be two points over the legal limit.

Mr Malcolm Heslop, for Mrs Lawson, said: "Arrangements had been made to collect her child from school but she decided to collect the child herself. She had drunk a small amount that day but she never thought she was over the limit.

"She was stationary when the bus reversed into her. It was one of those unfortunate Friday the 13th incidents." Mr Heslop asked the magistrate, Mrs Norma Negus, to be lenient because the loss of Mrs Lawson's licence would be a great inconvenience.

After her appearance Mr John Mulhearn, chief clerk at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, rejected any suggestion that he or his court officials had tried to keep the case out of the public glare.

Thérèse Lawson: banned from driving for one year.

He said he did not know Mrs Lawson was due to appear today.

The court appearance list was normally prepared on the previous day with the names of people who were expected to appear. If further people were arrested, charged, and brought before the court at short notice, their names would be added to the list on the day.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of Ulster's Democratic Unionists, called on the Government's law officers to explain why Mrs Lawson's name was omitted from the court sheet.

Labour MPs to voice allegations of favouritism included Mr Brian Sedgemore, member for Hackney South and Shoreditch, Mr Martin Flannery, member for Sheffield, Hillsborough, and Mr Dave Nellist, the member for Coventry South East.

Mr Robert Hughes, the shadow transport secretary, said: "If there is any attempt to hide the facts it would be ridiculous".

● Magistrates may be given the power to confiscate the vehicles of drivers convicted of serious motoring offences.

Confiscation is expected to be ordered when drivers have caused death or serious injury. It is likely to be particularly recommended where the drivers were well over the alcohol limit and other penalties are considered too lenient.

The plan is for vehicles to be sold off by the courts with the owners *receiving none of the* proceeds.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said confiscation was one of the issues being examined by the road traffic law review which will publish its report next month.

● Motorists are to be captured on film when Britain's first spy *cameras are installed at* traffic lights in Nottingham this weekend.

The cameras will photograph vehicles jumping red lights showing their registration numbers, direction, and position on the road.

Royal visit to Aids clinic is criticized

By Ian Smith

The Prince of Wales was yesterday criticized for visiting a clinic which uses "unproved" methods to treat Aids sufferers and heroin addicts.

The Prince, an advocate of homeopathic medicine, spent an hour at the International Society of Biophysical Medicine in Liverpool during a tour of Merseyside yesterday.

The society, a registered charity, uses a form of acu*puncture called electro*-stimulation to prompt the production of anti-stress effects which boost the body's immune system.

The society emphasized that it did not claim the treatment was a cure for Aids.

Merseyside administrators opposed the visit and said the Prince had bestowed the "royal seal of approval" on the clinic.

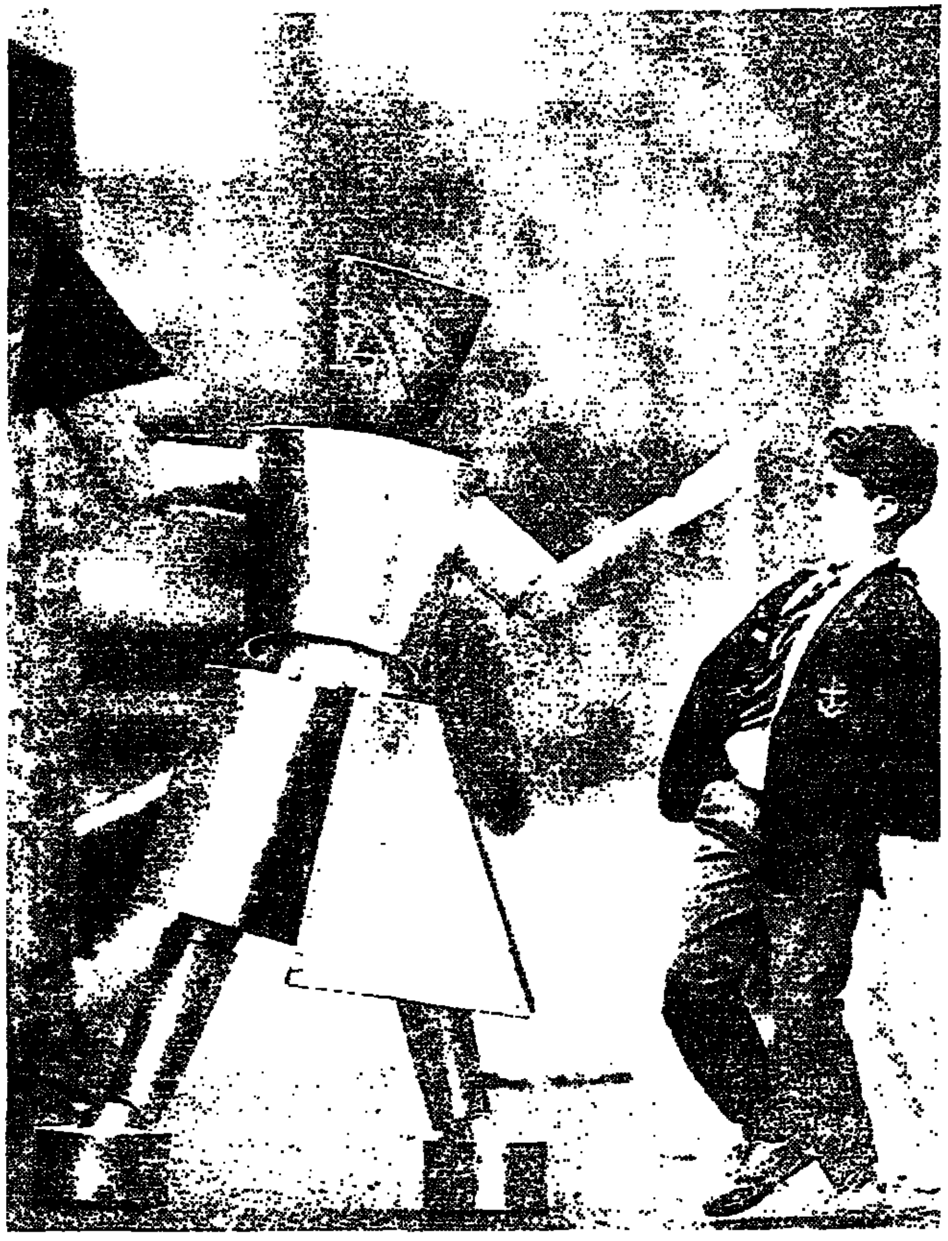
Mr Alan Parry, drugs and Aids co-ordinator for Mersey Regional Health Authority said the society's claims to prolong the lives of Aids victims and heroin addicts was irresponsible.

How many people managed to stay off drugs after receiving treatment was unknown, Mr Parry said. No medically accepted data had been offered by the clinic to support the claims of prolonging the lives of Aids and drugs sufferers.

Mr Dominic Davies, director of Eclipse, a private Aids consultancy in Liverpool, said one of his greatest concerns was that sufferers' hopes were unfairly raised.

Buckingham Palace last night denied the visit represented any seal of approval by the prince for the clinic's method of treatment.

Shocking encounters



Mark Weldon takes avoiding action during an encounter yesterday with a futuristic robot near his home in Hoxton, east London. "I thought we were being invaded. It looked like a man from outer space. Both me and my friend ran off, then we realized there was somebody *inside*". *Mark, a pupil at the Central* Foundation Boys' School, said. The somebody inside was Pablo Ventura, aged 28, a dancer who, in the guise of the robot, will appear in *Vita Futurista*, an arts council film to be broadcast on Channel 4 on Sunday. The film describes the Italian avant-garde art movement that, between 1909 and 1944, took inspiration from the machine. Most of the film was shot at an exhibition on futurism in Venice. It shows *how the movement's followers performed* cacophonies with an orchestra of machines, and enlisted a robot to shock people.
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Portfolio —Gold—

Charities and family to benefit

Mrs Monica Menten, of Golders Green, north London, is the winner of yesterday's *Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.* "I live by the motto, 'never give in', and it paid off". she said.

Mrs Menten, a secretary at a computer company in London, will spend part of the money on Christmas gifts for her seven brothers and sisters, and give the rest to her two favourite charities. "I get great pleasure out of giving to others", she said.

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£4bn drive to transform Mersey basin

Private investors were invited yesterday to join a £4 billion project to transform Europe's most polluted rivers and canals into tourist attractions.

Over the next 25 years government and European Regional Development Fund grants will be used to attract private investment to 1,600 square miles of the Mersey Basin stretching from the Pennines to the Irish Sea.

A three-year study of the area, commissioned by the Department of Environment's Mersey Campaign Unit, has recommended spending £250 *million from the public* and private sectors within the next two years to generate 5,000 new jobs.

Man cleared of killing girls

By Michael Horsnell

Russell Bishop, the unemployed labourer accused of the "babes in the wood" killings of two girls in Brighton last year, was cleared of murder yesterday.

His acquittal led to uproar at Lewes Crown Court. His elder brother was temporarily detained after leaping the rail of the dock to congratulate him.

Relatives of the dead girls sobbed and put their heads in their hands after the verdicts, and Mr Justice Schiemann appealed for quiet when cheering broke out from relatives of Mr Bishop.

Mr Bishop, aged 21, of Stephen's Road, Brighton, was alleged to have strangled Nicola Fellows and Karen Hadaway, both aged nine, after being overcome by sexual desire.

But the jury found him not guilty after retiring for two hours.

Police said they had no plans to re-open their inquiries into the murder of the girls, whose bodies were discovered huddled together in a hollow in a steep bank at Wild Park, close to their homes on the Moulscoomb council estate.

They appeared to have died without a struggle. Nicola had been sexually assaulted.

Mr Bishop, who had been in custody for a year, left the court by a rear exit without comment.

The jury had been told that Mr Bishop, a father-of-two who knew the victims, joined in the search for the missing girls, using his dog, Misty.

The prosecution claimed he had been seen in the park at about the time the girls were killed and alleged that scientific evidence showed he was the murderer.

Mr Ivan Lawrence, for Mr Bishop, told the jury that the suggestion that one man had killed the girls was "unlikely if not downright absurd".

Family law overhaul is needed, inquiry told

By Peter Davenport

A demand for an overhaul of family law and the provision of extra resources by the Government to enable social services, the police and other agencies to respond to the increased child sexual abuse, was made yesterday by the president of the Association of Directors of Social Services for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Mr Brian Roycroft, giving evidence to the Cleveland child sexual abuse inquiry, outlined three measures which, he said, were necessary to achieve a fairer system of investigation, decision making, support for families and care for children.

He said that the legal framework for dealing with such *cases must be clarified and the* White Paper on Child Care Law should be given a high priority in the Government's programme of legislation.

Legal settings in which cases were heard were sometimes inconclusive and could leave parents with a sense of injustice.

His association commended the Scottish system of family courts, which included an independent reporter and a panel of lay members, and called for the introduction of similar measures elsewhere.

Social services departments, health authorities, the police and voluntary caring agencies should be given extra resources to provide more personnel and better, joint training "at the earliest possible opportunity".

Mr Roycroft, who is also director of social services for Newcastle upon Tyne, said that any department faced with the same increase in the sexual abuse of children as experienced in Cleveland would have felt the strain.

He said that a survey in July of 100 local authorities showed that incidents of child sexual abuse had increased significantly. The detection of such cases had risen by 400 per cent in five years.

The paramount responsibility of social services once a case of sexual abuse had been diagnosed was to ensure that the child had a secure and caring environment.

The inquiry continues.

University choice

Oxford applications soar

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Oxford University announced yesterday that a record of 8,712 would-be undergraduates had applied for entry next October, an increase of 21 per cent over the previous year.

Applications are particularly strong for physics, up 27 per cent, and chemistry, up 25 per cent.

In contrast, Cambridge University said the number of its applicants was down by nearly 5 per cent. Mr Geoffrey Skelsey, the assistant registrar, said the figures were causing "some heart-searching".

Most Oxford applicants are offered a place on the basis of an interview and a special examination taken in their fourth term in the sixth form. The grades they achieve at A level will be almost irrelevant.

Cambridge also interviews applicants but makes the offer of a place entirely conditional on A-level grades. It commonly asks for three As. In addition, half Cambridge's applicants are required to take a sixth-term examination.

In spite of Oxford's success at attracting applicants, the students' union yesterday launched a campaign against what it calls the university's unfair admissions policy.

The students' union published a table comparing the class of degree attained by those who entered Oxford from state and independent schools in 1984 and graduated in *1987*, using a system of three points for a first, down to one point for a third.

The results show the average score of the 1,097 graduates from independent schools was 2.1, while the 1,189 graduates from state schools averaged 2.2 points.

Mr James Forder, chairman of the students' union's education committee, said: "A fair admissions policy is one which admits the people who will perform best in finals. The Oxford University system does not do this."

Half of Oxford's undergraduates come from independent schools, although they make up only 7 per cent of the school population.

The students' union said more than 400 undergraduates had volunteered to visit state schools which had not had a successful applicant to Oxford in the past two years "to try to dispel the idea that Oxford is either all work and no play or full of champagne-swilling Hooray Henrys".

EXAM RESULTS

Degree	Student numbers Ind	Student numbers State	Norrington points Ind	Norrington points State
First	163	148	489	444
Second (Div I)	553	711	1383	1778
Second (Div II)	287	259	430	388
Third	63	52	63	52
TOTAL	1097	1189	2365	2662
Average points			2.155	2.238

New £4.5m mansion aims for old country style

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

One of the largest and most expensive country houses to be built this century is to rise at the centre of a 100-acre estate near Uckfield, East Sussex.

High Cross House will cost £4.5 million and take up to three years to complete. It is being built for Mr Nicholas van Hoogstraten, a property owner and international banker, who has large property holdings in Sussex and London.

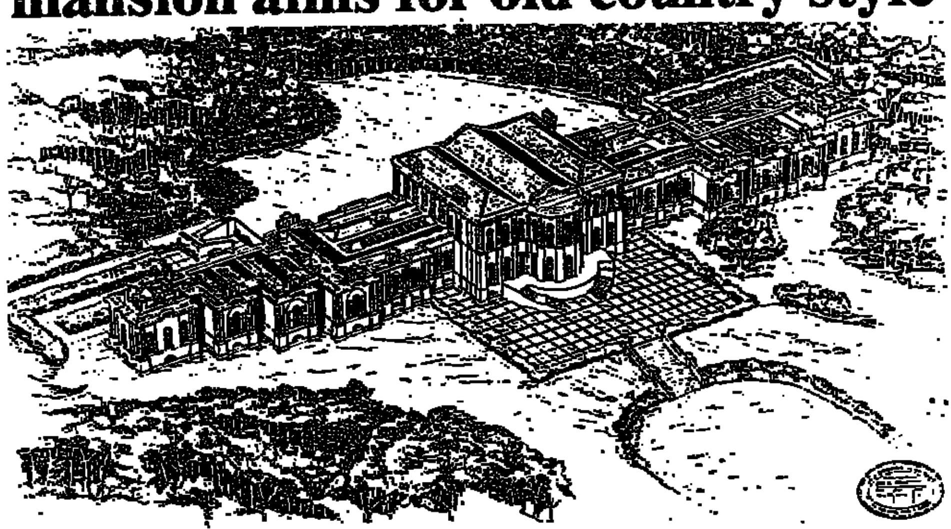
Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council has recently won a compulsory purchase order on four houses owned by him because of alleged harassment of tenants.

The new house, which will have a facade of more than 500 feet, replaces a derelict Victorian mansion which was extensively damaged by fire in 1983. Planning permission for the building has been granted by Wealden District Council, which stipulated *that it must* be used as a single family residence and that it will not be open to the public.

The house is to be designed by the architect, Anthony Browne. He has had wide experience in high-quality *renovation* work but this is his first commission for a new building.

He said it will be built in a traditional English country style and describes it as a "revitalized version of a Vanbrugh/Lutyens country house".

Mr van Hoogstraten, who bought the estate in 1973, intends to use the new mansion as his UK base and to house his fine collection of French furniture and his art collection, which includes works by Boucher, Turner and Holbein.



An artist's impression of High Cross House, which is to be built at Uckfield in East Sussex.

Ordination of women priests studied

By Clifford Longley

The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Demetrios I, completed a successful official *visit to England* yesterday, though it was inevitably overshadowed by the *Crockford's* preface affair.

The Patriarch was the guest of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. As a result of the visit, the Orthodox Church is to receive assistance from the Church of England in its investigation into the ordination of women *to the priesthood.*

Discussions between leading theologians of the Orthodox Church and of the Church of England were held at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday. A joint communiqué issued yesterday said female ordination was not considered an open question by the Orthodox side, although the issue was to receive further study.

Victoria Cross bought back by hero's family

A Victoria Cross medal sold two generations ago because of poverty was bought back by the original recipient's great great grandson for £12,100 at a Spink medal auction yesterday.

At the age of 69, Captain William Raynor was the oldest person to be awarded the medal, given for gallantry in the 1850s.

The medal dates from the Indian Mutiny in 1857, when he risked life to blow up an arms store used by Indian insurgents.

Captain Raynor survived because the bricks from the building fell over him, creating a protective space. The captain's descendant, also called William, plans to loan the medal to regimental museum.

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Top price at the sale was £52,000 (estimate £40,000) for a group of seven awards to Sir Galbraith Lowry Cole, GCB, MP. They were all awarded for his deeds in the Peninsular War and included medals originally awarded to the Duke of Wellington, which he in turn awarded to Sir Galbraith.

Sotheby's achieved a record $1.1 million (£602,575) for a piece of Yuan ware at a New York Chinese sale on Wednesday.

The unusually large blue and white bowl, 19 in in diameter, is enhanced with a realistic-looking, painted carp. It sold to the London dealer Eskenazi.

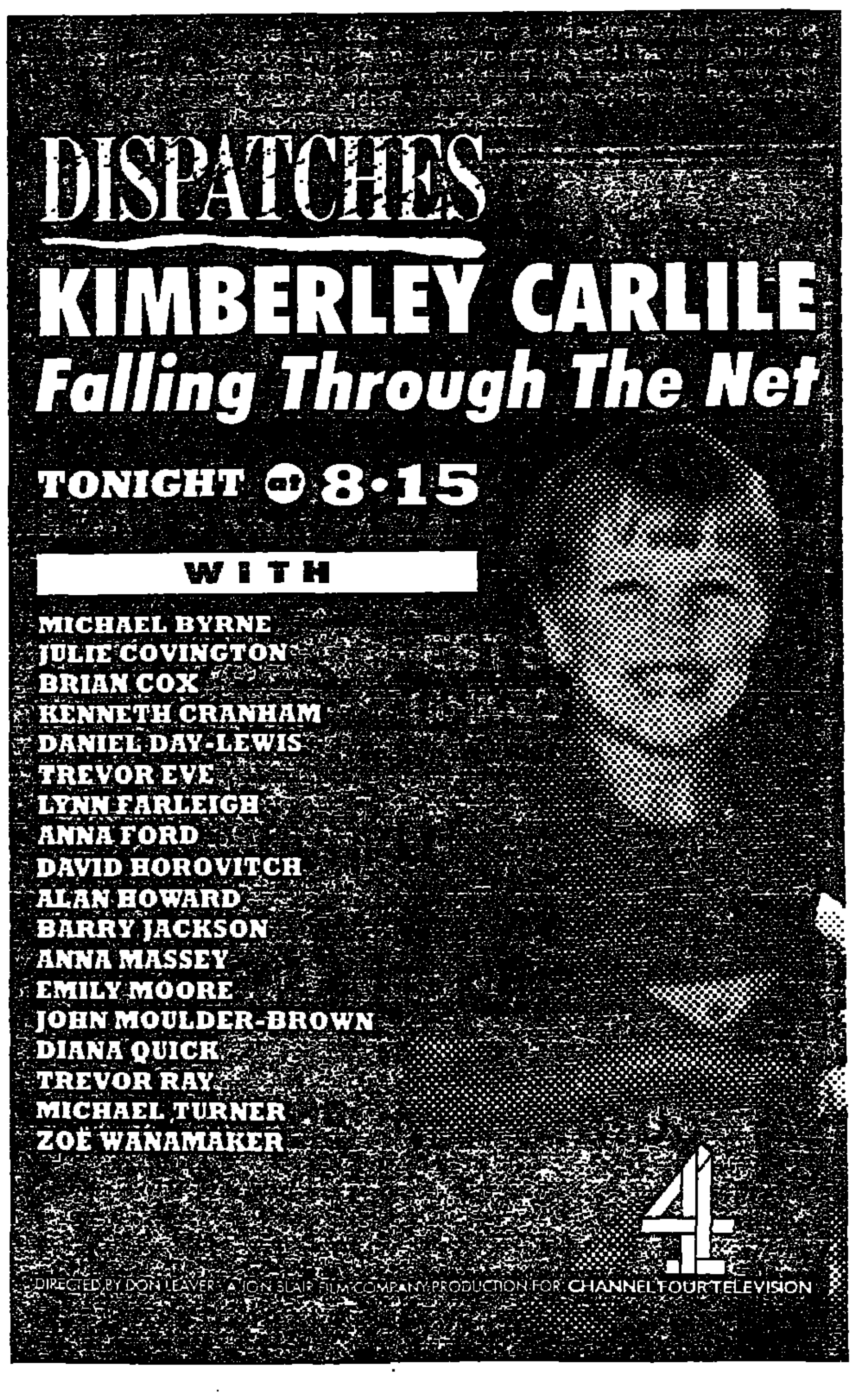
The sale attracted international clientele, including Japanese (the dealer who bought a narrow-necked vase painted with stylized peonies from the Northern Song Dynasty at £51,219), American (an early Tang dynasty gray pottery horse and rider for £18,077) and French (a pottery falconer from the same dynasty, £40,674).

Christie's in South Kensington had a resounding success on Wednesday evening with the contents of Bacon's, a tobacconist's shop in Cambridge. A world record £7,480 (estimate up to £4,000) was paid for an ornately carved, Meerschaum pipe. Another good price was that of £8,800 for the huge figure of a "Snuffing Highlander" which used to stand outside the shop.

But where Christie's had a 99 per cent success rate Bonhams reported that only 50 per cent of their sporting and livestock paintings the same night were actually sold. A John Frederick Herring painting, "Loading the Hay Cart", was bought in, as well as two fine figures of a bull and a cow by A. M Gauci. A picture of sheep and cattle in a meadow by Thomas Sidney Cooper sold for £7,920 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000).

Two 16th century bronze figures of Adam and Eve achieved the highest price of £143,000 (estimate £50,000 to £80,000) at Sotheby's European Works of Art sale.

A seventeenth century, striding bronze bull by Antonio Susini, after Giambologna, fetched *£132,000 (estimate £15,000 to* £25,000. It had a distinguished provenance, including periods in the homes of both Cardinal Richelieu and Louis XIV. It was bought by the London dealer Cyril Humphris.



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'Arrogant' Thatcher is denounced by Kinnock

PRIME MINISTER

Mrs Thatcher was complacent and arrogant about the state of the National Health Service, **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, said amid rowdy scenes at Prime Minister's question time.

He began by asking if she agreed with the remarks earlier in the week by the presidents of the royal medical colleges that there was a deep financial crisis in the NHS.

Mrs Thatcher said that spending had gone up enormously (loud Labour protests and Conservative cheers).

On the Family Practitioner Service, spending was up 43 per cent in real terms since the time of the last Labour Government: hospital and community services, up 26 per cent in real terms compared with Labour; capital spending on hospital and community services was up 42 per cent (loud Labour protests and cries of "Oh" and Conservative cheers).

This Government's record on the health service far exceeds that of any other Government. Next year, expenditure on the service will continue further to increase (continued protests).

Mr Kinnock: The House and the country will note that the Prime Minister rejects the advice of the presidents of the three royal colleges.

This is further evidence that the Prime Minister is suffering from incurable complacency as well as untreatable arrogance in these matters (very loud Conservative protests and Labour cheers).

> ❛ Our health service record is far better than any other government's ❜

Referring to the Prime Minister's "litany of figures", he said that Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, president of the Royal College of Physicians, had predicted that "we will be hit by all the statistics".

But the basic fact was that the United Kingdom spent less than any developed European country on its health service.

Sir Raymond had said that Britain once had a health service that was the envy of the world and that it had been run very cheaply. But now the attempt was being made to run it too cheaply, despite the efforts of doctors, nurses and other hospital staff.

Patient care was deteriorating, acute services were almost at breaking point and morale depressingly low.

"Isn't that a crisis?"

Mrs Thatcher countered that if Mr Kinnock had been listening to the figures she had given, he would have commended the health service for the excellent work it was doing (Labour protests and Conservative cheers).

This Government has increased the proportion of gross national product spent on the health service from 4.8 per cent under Labour to 5.5 per cent now (Conservative cheers).

So not only has GNP gone up, but the proportion has gone up in real terms.

If the doctors think what they have written, they must be grateful that there is no Labour government in power (loud Conservative cheers and renewed Labour protests).

Mr Kinnock complained that in 40 years of the NHS, the presidents of the three senior royal medical colleges had never felt it necessary to speak in the terms in which they had spoken to Mrs Thatcher's Government.

Doesn't she learn? (loud Labour cheers). Doesn't she recognize her responsiblity for setting lives against sums? What is she going to do about it? (renewed cheers and protests).

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): Order, order. How can the Prime Minister ... (continued protests).

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) from a seated position to the Speaker: You are like a Pakistani umpire.

After extremely loud and prolonged Conservative protests, cries of "racist" and calls for Mr Foulkes to be "named", the Labour MP stood and told the Speaker that he withdrew the remark.

Mrs Thatcher replied that in 40 years of the NHS, there had never been more patients treated. There had never been more accident or emergency cases treated.

There had never been more heart by-pass or more hip replacement operations than there were now ... (loud Labour protests and Conservative cries for the answer to be heard).

> ❛ Prime Minister is suffering from incurable complacency ❜

Mrs Thatcher said that Mr Kinnock and the Opposition could not bear to hear the facts.

She continued with her listing of operations, numbers of which she said had increased under the Conservative Government: cataracts, kidney, cervical smear and others.

After still further noisy exchanges by the massed ranks of Conservative and Labour backbenchers, Mrs Thatcher told her supporters: They cannot bear it that this Government has a far better record than they have (loud Conservative cheers).

If Mr Kinnock had listened to my earlier answer, he would know that next year, spending on the health service will go up by £1.1 billion. I mention that figure, because I have heard Opposition spokesmen on the radio suggesting that all that is needed is another £200 million. I repeat, next year we will be spending another £1.1 billion (loud Conservative cheers and Labour protests).

Earlier, **Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab) charged that beds were not available for young children at the Birmingham Children's Hospital or for cancer and kidney patients in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

What evidence was that for thinking that the National Health Service was safe in Mrs Thatcher's hands? (loud Labour cheers)

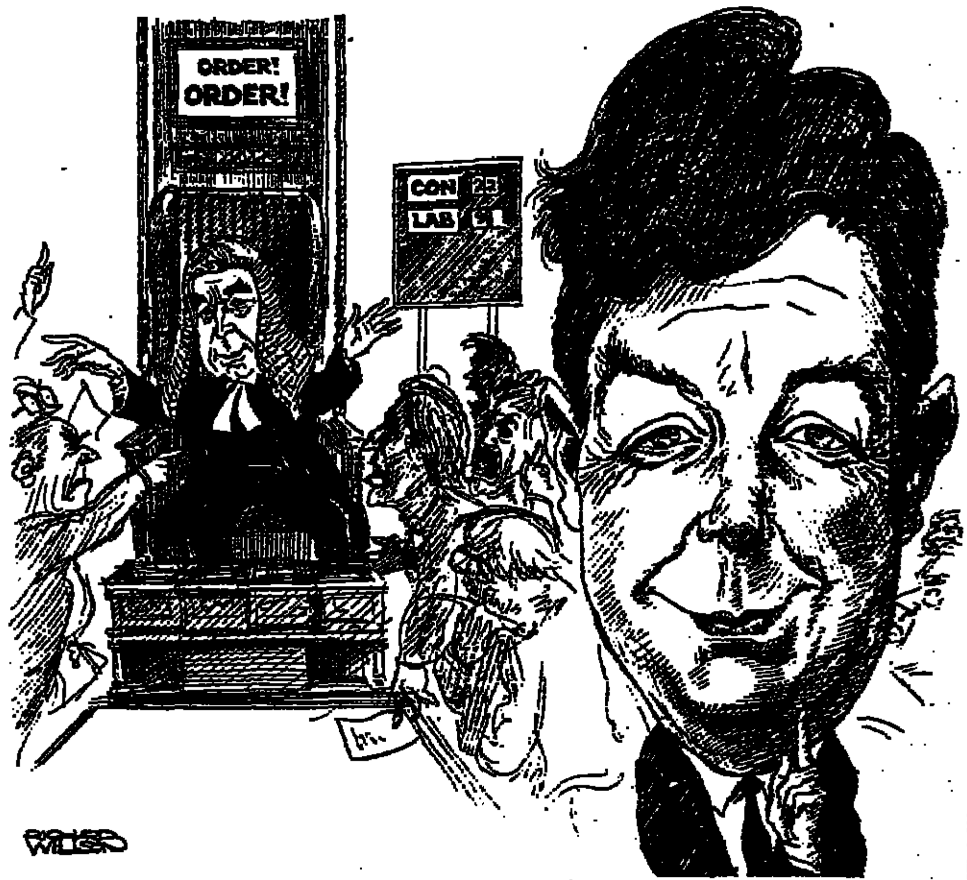
Mrs Thatcher referred to the "enormous number" of operations now taking place.

She said they were something like 2,360,000 a year. There were 6.5 million in-patients and 38 million hospital out-patients.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry, South, Lab) asked the Prime Minister, instead of burying her head in 10-year-old NHS statistics and repeating them like a cracked record, what she would say to a seven-year-old Coventry boy waiting for a heart operation, or what she would say to the parents of a one-day-old baby who had died after being rushed from Birmingham to Liverpool because hospitals were closed. What would she say to the parents meeting in Birmingham tomorrow about this crisis?

Mrs Thatcher: My statistics are not out of date but up-dated.

She said that there had been an increase in by-pass operations, and operations were now performed on children which could not have been performed 10 to 15 years ago.



The whole House would regret what had happened in the test match in Pakistan, *Mr John Wakeham*, Leader of the House (above), told MPs after being questioned about it. Whatever the circumstances, there could be no excuse for flouting the authority of judges, referees or umpires. Such respect was fundamental to the playing of any sport, he said.

The question of enforcement of standards of discipline and umpiring was a matter for the cricketing authorities.

He was replying to *Mr Nicholas Winterton* (Macclesfield, C) who said that the Minister of Sport should make a statement to the House about the problems which the British team was encountering. He wanted to make a comparison between the excellent umpiring and refereeing in this country.

Promise on discrimination

N IRELAND

The Government is to bring in legislation to deal with the the fact that two and a half times more Roman Catholics than Protestants are unemployed in Northern Ireland, Mr Peter Viggers, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said in the Commons.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, C) said that it was a scandalous reflection of the failure of Government economic policies that nearly 20 per cent of adults in Northern Ireland were unemployed.

This contributed to the maintenance of the sectarian divide because two and a half times more male Catholics were unemployed than Protestants. When would the Government start to produce jobs in the United Kingdom and in Northern Ireland?

Mr Viggers said that they would benefit from the general pattern in the economy, which was bringing unemployment down by 900 a month over a three months' average.

It was still too high and the distinction between Catholic and Protestant was unacceptable. The Government proposed to introduce legislation as soon as possible.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP) said that they must tell the truth about unemployment. It could not all be laid at the feet of the Government. The campaign of violence by the IRA had cost 39,000 jobs in manufacturing between 1970 and 1980.

There had been £1 billion worth of damage to the economy of Ireland, North and South, and if that money had been in the economy many fewer people would have been unemployed.

Ashley offers apology to Army

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab), who last week made allegations about bullying in The Queen's Dragoon Guards, apologized to the officer concerned.

He said that he had issued a public statement apologizing to the The Queen's Dragoon Guards and to Lieutenant-Colonel Alistair Macmillan, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, over allegations Mr Ashley had made about ill treatment of soldiers.

The MP said that he unconditionally withdrew his allegations because the Ministry of Defence had found no evidence to substantiate them.

His complaint had not been that Lieutenant-Colonel Macmillan had broken the regulations, as the MoD had implied, but that he had fined one soldier an excessive amount, £500, for having an untidy room and had imposed a similar fine on another soldier for refusing to stop his bicycle when asked and for disorderly conduct.

However, there was far too much evidence of bullying and brutality in the Army and he would pursue his campaign to try to eradicate it.

Language use to be studied

A working group has been set up by *Mr Peter Walker*, Secretary of State for Wales, to advise him on the most constructive and appropriate action he might take to foster the Welsh language.

He said in a written reply that Mr Wyn Roberts, Minister of State, Welsh Office, would preside over the group, which will have a membership spanning a broad spectrum of Welsh life. Mr Walker will discuss the language question with several representative organizations early in the new year.

Air transport for plutonium

Reprocessed plutonium sent from Sellafield to Japan is likely to go by air. Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written reply that air was the present preferred option, but transport was not expected to take place until 1992 at the earliest.

Emergency arrangements were required and were subject to periodic testing by exercise. Design testing and development of a suitable package was in progress.

£75 queries

The average estimated cost of written Commons replies is £45 and of oral answers, £75, Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House of Commons, said in a written reply. He added that records of the total annual cost of replies were not kept.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Debate on private member's motion on unemployment. Local Government Bill, remaining stages, first day.

Tuesday: Local Government Bill, remaining stages, second day. Motion on Welsh Rate Support Grant Report.

Wednesday and Thursday: Local Government Finance Bill, second reading.

Friday: Christmas recess debates.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Merchant Shipping Bill, report. Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee, fifth day.

Tuesday: Legal Aid Bill, second reading. Swanage Yacht Haven Bill, third reading.

Wednesday: Debates on European Convention on Human Rights and on regional economic prospects.

Thursday: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee, sixth day.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private member's Bill: Scotch Whisky Bill, second reading.

Arms verification system explained

IMMUNITIES

The Bill giving diplomatic privileges and immunities to officials from foreign governments in Britain to verify arms control measures was debated on third reading in the Commons.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that the Arms Control and Disarmament (Privileges and Immunities) Bill would give effect to the outcome of last year's Stockholm conference on confidence-building in disarmament in Europe.

It had called for privileges to be extended to inspectors carrying out on-site verification and to observers invited to military exercises. The Stockholm document was "a major confidence-building measure between East and West".

The Bill did not actually change the privileges and immunities but merely extended the category of people entitled to enjoy them.

He gave an assurance that the Government at present envisaged extending the Bill only to the INF agreement so far as it affected United Kingdom territory. He could not give precise dates because they would depend on the timing of the Bill in its remaining stages and ratification of the treaty which should take place in the new year.

He hoped that an Order in Council, which would have the effect of permitting inspections and granting diplomatic immunities and privileges, could be tabled speedily and before the treaty came into force.

Turning to the INF agreement, he said that, despite doubts from left and right, the two superpowers had achieved their objective of global elimination of Soviet and American long-range and short-range intermediate ground-based missiles.

The position now was that certain necessary agreements had yet to be signed. The agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom in relation to inspections at Greenham Common and Molesworth would be signed in Brussels on Friday.

A document would be signed later between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union whereby the Russians would agree to abide by the arrangements entered into and to comply with United Kingdom law and procedures.

That established the triangular nature of the legal relationship crucial in representing United Kingdom sovereignty which the Government wished to maintain while playing its full part in the agreement.

Mr David Mellor: Unable to give precise dates.

There were 96 missiles at Greenhan Common and 16 at Molesworth.

A single inspection could last up to 90 hours from the time the Soviet team entered the United Kingdom until the time they left. But they could be shorter.

All the inspectors would be drawn from a list, over which the United Kingdom would be consulted in advance, and they would all need visas.

The inspectors would get privileges and immunities while they were doing their work. These would be consistent with those granted by the 1964 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, although in some respects more limited.

Education in Ulster scheme

Concern at the plight of youngsters in Northern Ireland was expressed by MPs during question time in the Commons after they were told of a scheme to encourage initiatives in cross-community contacts.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland, said that 65 applications for grant had been made to the scheme, which was directed at young people aged under 19.

Mr David Davis (Boothferry, C) said that too many children there already grew up in an atmosphere of prejudice, fuelling recruitment for terrorist organizations. If the problems were to be resolved it was necessary to find ways of increasing contacts between young people in the province.

Dr Mawhinney said that it was important that young people in Northern Ireland should be brought together in terms of relationship and understanding their differences to ensure that those differences did not become points of division later in life.

Private schools demand rejected

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government rejected yesterday Opposition demands that the new national curriculum should apply to independent as well as state schools, but not before a Labour MP, quoting the memoirs of a former Tory Cabinet minister, claimed that a central part of public schools' curricula at present was homosexuality.

Intervening in the committee stage of the Education Reform Bill, Mr Brian Sedgemore, MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, read a passage from Mr Jim Prior's autobiography *Balance of Power* stating that "drinking, smoking and homosexuality were optional extras" at Charterhouse.

Referring to one of his closest friends, Mr Prior continued: "Simon's proclivities ... emerged at an early age and were uninhibitedly bisexual.

"He certainly regarded the prettier boys at Charterhouse as a challenge and, although his romantic advances were no doubt accompanied by lust, I don't think his seductions were evil".

Mr Sedgemore demanded to know whether such behaviour would continue to be permissible if public schools were brought within the proposed national curriculum.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, minister for education, flatly rejected the demands of Labour and Liberal MPs that the proposed national curriculum should cover all schools, not just state schools.

The national curriculum was a means of "levering up" standards within the state sector.

Mr Jack Straw, the Labour education spokesman, said, however, that the Government was displaying "a breathtaking set of double standards". Ministers were applying one set of standards to the schools their children used, and another to those used by the rest.

A Labour amendment extending application of the curriculum to all schools was defeated by 15 votes to 13.

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Scrap housebuyers' searches, says Law Commission

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Local authorities should be fined for delays in replying to local searches from house buyers or the whole search system should be scrapped, a Law Commission report says today.

The system "rarely throws up vital unknown information", the commission's conveyancing standing committee saysin a critical examination of delays in local searches on such matters as planning, roads, drainage and tree preservation.

The report says such searches and inquiries cost £15 million to £20 million a year. "It is surely unacceptable that some local authorities offer the public a service so slowly and so erratically that it is effectively useless."

Some councils take months to reply to searches when they should be completed in days, the report says. In London, Hackney took 20 weeks to reply to a search earlier this year. Many other councils take between four and six weeks. The committee says a "satisfactory maximum" would be 10 working days.

It adds that delays are also caused by those searching — including solicitors who use the wrong forms, pay incomplete fees or fail to submit plans to identify the properties concerned.

But it emphasizes that many local authorities cause unacceptable and unnecessary delays in answering searches, which helps to lengthen the conveyancing process.

Putting forward five options in the consultation paper, the committee says that the imposition of penalties on councils which fail to reply within a specific time would encourage "an energetic reorganization" of their offices in order to provide a satisfactory service.

Admitting that their option to abolish the system might seem heretical to modern English conveyancers, the committee says that such inquiries are far from universal. There is no standardized system in Scotland and no equivalent in the United States.

This suggestion does not include scrapping the local land charges system, which is a statutory part of the process and would remain.

The three other options listed in the report are: encouragement to sellers to make inquiries, instead of buyers, so that the process starts sooner; a suggestion that property sellers should give guarantees so that buyers do not have to rely on local authority replies; and a reduction in the number of questions asked to lessen the workload imposed on councils.

In the longer term, the committee considers the possibility of relieving local authorities of the responsibility and transferring it to the Land Registry, but says it would be years before it had the capacity to take on the task.

The second long-term solution is to computerize records. "Some see this as the ideal, and indeed the only way, to beat delays. It seems doubtful whether computerization could bring any practical benefit to users within the next five years, even if the decisions to proceed and to commit funds were taken at once", the report says. "This is too long to wait for an alleviation of the problem."

The committee has asked for comments on its suggested options to be delivered by March 31, 1988.

Local Authority Enquiries: How Can We Eliminate Delays? (Conveyancing Standing Committee, Conquest House, 37/38 John Street, Theobalds Road, London WC1N 2BQ; free).

Hormone could double milk yield of cows

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A new hormone product, Bovine Somatotropin (BST), which is said to be capable of doubling milk yields from dairy cows, is expected to be in commercial use in the United States within the next three to five years, a conference in London was told yesterday

Mr E. Linwood Tipton, president of the United States Milk Industry Foundation, told the conference, organized by Agra Europe, a research group, BST could reduce the cost of dairy products.

Attempts have been made in some quarters to ban BST, mainly because in a world of dairy surpluses it was felt that an increase in productivity was the last thing to be needed.

Both the Ministry of Agriculture and the American Food and Drink Administration have said BST poses no risk to human health.

● Milk is being produced in greater quantities and more cheaply, despite a reduction in dairy farmers, the Milk Marketing Board said yesterday. In the past 25 years nearly 100,000 dairy farmers have left the industry.

There are now 46,740 milk producers in the UK and the average farm output has quadrupled to 330,000 litres a year. Total milk production has, since 1962, increased from 11,000 million litres to more than 15,350 million litres.

It then took six minutes for a person on the average industrial wage to "earn" a pint of milk; it now takes three.

● The agricultural division of Prudential Property Services yesterday forecast that further reductions in dairy quotas would increase stability in the livestock sector.

Weekend food prices

Duck good value for festive menu

Deciding what to give guests can be a problem during the festive season, but those who chooseduck will be maintaining a tradition even older than Christmas.

Peking Duck was a most popular food in the Han dynasty (168 BC) and Aylesbury Duck is believed to be a descendant of those fine birds. It got its name from the Vale of Aylesbury where duck-rearing flourished in the last century.

The duck on sale in most shops today is the result of much cross-breeding during the past 25 years. It is also more likely to come from Lincolnshire, Norfolk or Wiltshire.

Ducks available throughout the year weigh between 5 and 5.5 lbs but there are specially reared birds for the Christmas period weighing 6 to 6.5 lbs. Fresh birds costs 98p to £1.19 a lb and frozen between 79p and 89p.

Mr Donald Thompson, junior Agriculture Minister, yesterday announced new regulations requiring labels to show how much, or how little, fish is in each finger.

The regulations will require that fish fingers, fishburgers, fish cakes, fish pie and fish in sauce should bear an indication of their minimum fish content. Products containing more than 10 per cent minced fish will have to declare this.

Most cuts of home-produced beef and lamb will be up slightly this week with the exception of rump steak, which is down 6p a lb in some areas. Whole leg of lamb ranges from £1.55 to £2.08 a lb but could be as high as £2.75 a lb in the South-east.

The average price of whole shoulder is £1.06 and loin chops cost between £1.74 and £2.49 a lb. Pork represents good value with the average price of whole leg costing £1.13 a lb or boneless shoulder £1.24 a lb.

Beef offers at shops and supermarkets this week include Tesco sirloin steak £3.48 a lb, extra lean mince £1.38 a lb, Asda frozen leg and shoulder of pork 99p a lb, and frozen grade A turkeys (standard 54p a lb) and frozen grade A turkeys (basted 57p a lb).

Safeway frozen oven-ready turkeys are 54p a lb; Sainsbury's rump steak is down 80p to £2.28 a lb and home-produced pork chops are down 24p to £1.18 a lb. Bejam topside and silverside of beef £1.69 a lb, Dewhurst frozen ducks 79p a lb.

Marks & Spencer will have goose on sale from December 21 at £1.99 a lb. All Dewhurst shops in the South-east will take orders for goose, which will sell at £1.75 a lb.

Good fish supplies, and prices on a downward trend, bring cheering news for fish-lovers. Many species such as whiting, plaice, mackerel and dover sole are a little cheaper.

Huss from Scotland at 95p a lb is excellent quality. Grey mullet at about £1.30 a lb is also good value. Smoked fish are also a little cheaper this week.

Look out for Arbroath smokies, at approximately £2.80 a lb, smoked sprats at £1.50 a lb, Loch Fyne kippers at £1.40 lb and smoked mackerel at £1.08 a lb. Top-quality smoked salmon is about £3.20 a quarter.

On the exotic side there are kingfish from the Seychelles at £3-£3.20 a lb. Swordfish from the Gulf of Mexico and dorado from Louisiana are both £5.15 a lb. Fresh Greenland prawn at £2.50 a quarter and fresh Norwegian prawns at £2.20 a quarter are excellent quality.

Tesco has fish in its best-buy category this week, which includes whole fresh salmon at £2.05 a lb and peeled prawns at £1.24 a quarter pound and hot smoked mackerel fillets (plain or peppered) at 96p a lb.

Sharon fruit from Carmel are plentiful at 25p to 40p each. Developed in the Sharon Valley in Israel they are similar in appearance to persimmon.

Apples and pears are plentiful as are oranges 10p to 30p each, satsumas and clementines 25p-40p lb. It is the last week of the Italia grape season, but supplies of pineapples are building up for Christmas. Fresh cranberries are widely available between 80p and £1 a half pound.

Brussels sprouts at 25p-45p lb are good quality. Home-grown Chinese leaves are 40p-75p a head and imported tomatoes are 50p-75p a lb. English spring onions at 30p-40p a bunch and beetroot are still available.

Lawley is desert island hostess

Sue Lawley, the newsreader, is to take over from Michael Parkinson as presenter of Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*, in March.

Miss Lawley, who was a castaway on the programme just four weeks ago, said her ideal guest would be Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

Roy Plomley devised the programme 46 years ago and it was intended to run for a series of six. It proved so popular it continued and is one the world's three longest running radio programmes.

Concern at scarred Lake District

Commercial development has scarred the Lake District so badly that it has failed to make the grade as a World Heritage site, the Council for National Parks said yesterday.

"A recent meeting of the international agency charged with assessing World Heritage sites put the Lake District under the microscope, and they were not impressed", a council spokesman said.

Farming, forestry, overgrazing, roads, tourism, military activity and quarrying were all criticized, and government departments found to be severely wanting.

"The Lake District is the most beautiful mountainous area of England and it ought to be a World Heritage site. All those with authority over it ought now to amend their ways so that it may yet be designated", the spokesman said.

● A farmer who destroyed an ancient monument by driving a bulldozer through it was fined £500 yesterday.

Antony Richard Watts, aged 45, of Townsend Farm, Shillingstone, Dorset, ploughed through a scheduled, 3,000-year-old earthen wall last March because it was "inconvenient" to drive around it, Sturminster Newton Magistrate's Court was told. Watts pleaded guilty.

£36,000 fines for multiple share bids

Two company directors were yesterday each fined £36,000 for making multiple share applications in four privatization sales.

Thomas Hodge, aged 46, and Kenneth Jaffa, aged 43, both of Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, north London, admitted a total of 24 charges of making multiple applications in British Gas, Rolls-Royce, British Telecom and Trustee Savings Bank. If all had been successful the two would have made £160,000.

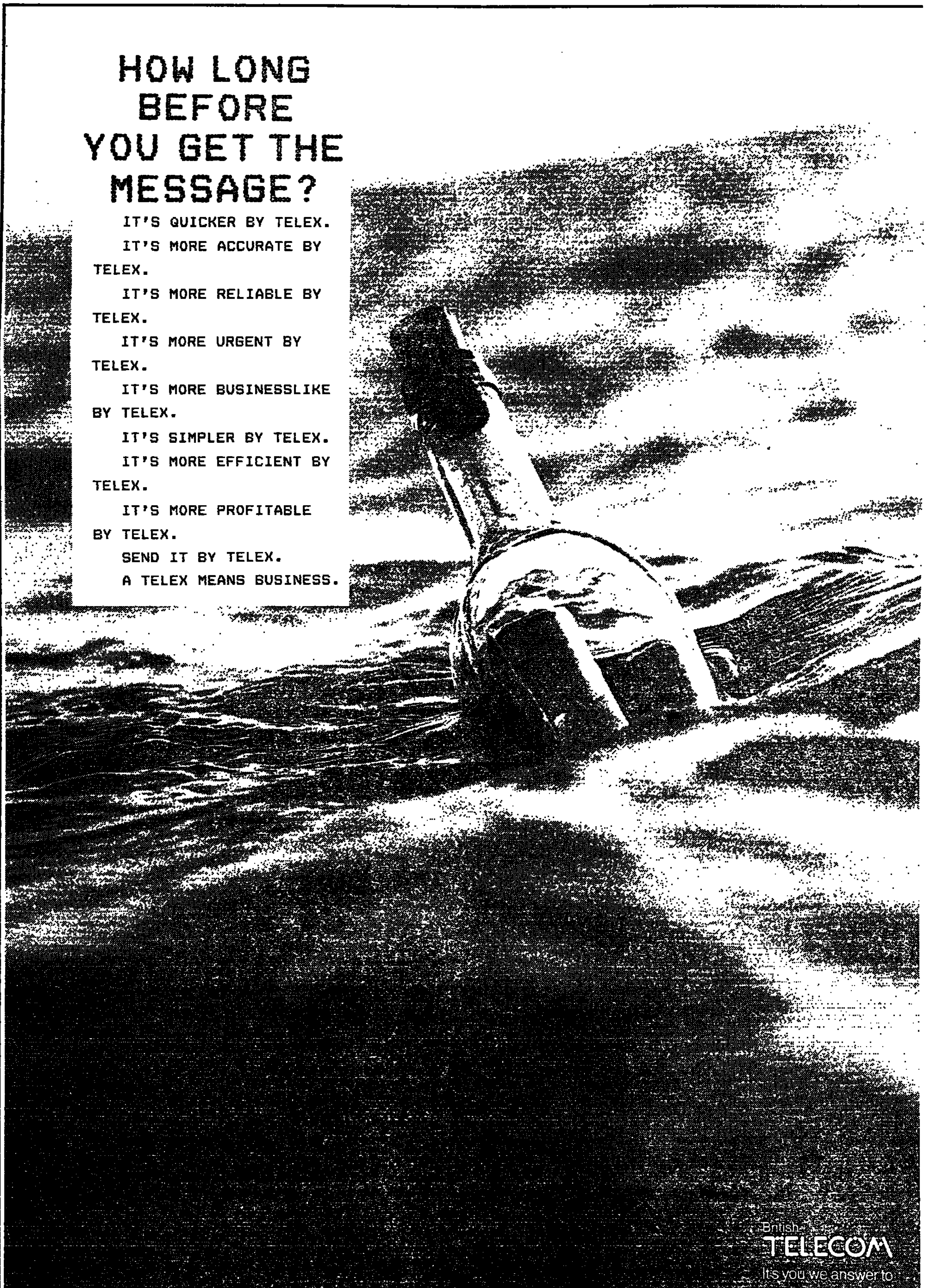
They were each fined £1,500 on each charge by Bow Street Magistrates, London.

Mr John Matthews, for Hodge and Jaffa, who are directors of Westgate Shipping, said they had behaved "stupidly and unwittingly".

Hodge told police: "I was not aware I was committing a criminal offence. Otherwise I wouldn't have touched it with a barge pole."

● A window cleaner bought 158 copies of a newspaper to make multiple applications for British Gas shares, Bow Street magistrates were told.

Frederick Perkins, aged 56, of West Avenue, Finchley, north London, admitted 10 specimen charges of dishonestly obtaining shares. Perkins, who would have made a profit of £4,336, was fined £6,500, with £500 costs.



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SUPERPOWER RELATIONS

America in grip of 'glasnost fever'

**From Charles Bremner
Washington**

Nothing will be the same again. In three days, the Gorbachov charm blitz has left much of Washington starry-eyed, won over some of the oldest Russophobes, including President Reagan, and shifted the US-Soviet equation to the pleasure of the Russians and the horror of the American diehards.

The two leaders may not have agreed much on strategic missiles or set a date for an Afghanistan withdrawal, but Russian officials say that the new American attitude has exceeded their expectations and ultra-cautious Americans such as Mr George Shultz are conceding something close to delight.

"There are clues in the air," Mr Shultz said yesterday when asked about a new US-Soviet rapport. "Certainly it's going to be different from now." For sceptical conservatives, nothing could have been more revealing than Mr Reagan's conversion from anti-communist crusader to architect of a new *détente*.

Yesterday their astonishment was directed at a remark by the President that they say confirmed their worst fears. Mr Reagan told columnists on Wednesday night that he no longer believes the Soviet Union wants to spread its doctrines and power through out the world. "They no longer feel that way. I'm not dropping my guard or anything. But I think we have a potential here of a recognition that we have two systems that aren't alike and have different values ... but that have a desire to prove that we can live in the world together in peace," he said.

This was the man who only four years ago called Moscow the "focus of evil in the modern world" and said that the Russians reserved themselves the "right to commit any crime, to lie, to cheat". "What a remarkable turn in history," lamented Mr Patrick Buchanan, the President's former friend and Communications Director. "The great communicator who preached peace through strength today preaches peace through parchment."

Other previously suspicious Republican politicians appear to have been swayed by the Gorbachov courtship, which has also taken in newspaper publishers, leaders of the "intellectual" community and businessmen.

Several congressmen who listened to his pleas to ratify the new INF Treaty on Wednesday morning were apparently mesmerized and have softened their opposition to the treaty. Notably, one of the harshest critics, Senator Alan Simpson, a Wyoming Republican, left the Soviet Embassy saying he was going to support the treaty and calling the meeting "fascinating, extraordinary".

Senator Robert Byrd, the Democratic majority leader, urged a sense of reality. "We have to be very careful and not be swept off our feet." Yesterday, Senator Robert Dole, a Republican presidential candidate who had been politically damaged by his refusal to support the popular treaty, said: "I think Gorbachov is charming, articulate, animated. But let's face it, we're all sort of suffering, I guess maybe enjoying, *glasnost* fever in this town."

The Soviet Union has earned its dividends from the Reagan change through a switch in tactics towards summitry. Previously, Mr Gorbachov laid down conditions for summit meetings, saying success could be measured only through concrete agreements and pressing the President hard for concessions on specific areas such as space weapons and arms control. This time the Russians have dropped their refrain over Star Wars and lowered their expectations in terms of concrete results.

Mr Vitaly Korotich, Editor of the official weekly *Ogonyok* and one of the leaders of the new-style Soviet journalism, said that the Kremlin was shunning grandiose goals and aiming for a better US-Soviet atmosphere as a basis for later agreement.

Western experts say Mr Gorbachov took a clear decision several months ago to pursue business with the Reagan Administration rather than wait for the election and consolidation in office of a new American president, a process that would take at least two more years.

Mr Marshall Shulman, director of Harvard's Russian research centre, said yesterday that Mr Gorbachov "has come to us for a whole variety of things that he needs to make his economy work" and he had scored a triumph in Washington.

As well as arms treaties that will enable the Kremlin to divert resources to the civilian economy, the Kremlin badly needs help from American businessmen. Mr Gorbachov yesterday urged some 60 senior businessmen to join in joint ventures.

However, American firms, which have done little business with the Russians since the late 1970s, have been reluctant to seize the chance to join forces with Soviet enterprises.

Mightier than the sword: Mr Shevardnadze and Mr Shultz exchanging pens after agreeing to expand air services between the US and the Soviet Union.

HUMAN RIGHTS

KGB fail to deter reformers

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A conference billed as the first staged independently in the Soviet Union on the issue of human rights opened last night in the flat of one of the organizers after the hall in which it should have been held was found padlocked and declared "closed for urgent disinfection" as part of a state campaign of disruption.

At least five of the delegates, including one from Czechoslovakia, were arrested en route and prevented from coming to Moscow, and 12 members of the organizing committee were warned by the security authorities that the conference – whose opening was timed to coincide with International Human Rights Day – was illegal.

Outside the hall in a bleak north Moscow suburb where the conference was due to begin, scores of plainclothes KGB men were gathered in temperatures of -9 C when the first of the delegates arrived to find a large padlock on the door of the hall, for which they had a paid a rental of 300 roubles (£300).

Among those who gathered under the suspicious eye of the KGB were a robed Russian Orthodox priest, who claimed to have been dismissed in January for preaching the gospel too assiduously, a legless campaigner for the rights of Soviet invalids, and a member of a human rights monitoring group who had travelled from the southern republic of Georgia.

A total of 150 delegates have been invited to the five-day conference organized by one of Moscow's new unofficial groups, Press-Club Glasnost. Working groups were scheduled to discuss the problem of human rights in the Soviet Union under 11 different headings ranging from the sensitive issue of minority nationalities to freedom of speech and the press. It is planned to publish the results.

The holding of the conference was regarded in diplomatic circles as a crucial test for the current state of the policy of *glasnost* at a time when there have been many signs of an organized backlash – including the brutal KGB crackdown earlier this week on Jewish protests – linked to the Washington summit.

MPs and Soviet émigrés stood behind iron bars yesterday to focus on the plight of 20,000 Soviet Jews who have been barred from leaving the Soviet Union or are still waiting for exit visas. The protest outside the House of Lords on International Human Rights Day, called into question the process of *glasnost*.

"We think it is no coincidence that our conference has been subject to this kind of harassment when Mikhail Gorbachov and some of his allies in the Politburo are out of the country," one organizer, Mr Sergei Kovalyov, said.

Mr Kovalyov and other members of the organizing committee have declared their support for the reform policies of Mr Gorbachov.

One member of the Czech human rights group Charter 77, Mr Jan Urban, was present at the opening press conference. It was the first time journalists here could recall an East European human-rights campaigner speaking in Moscow.

"The success or failure of this conference will show whether there is real change in the Soviet Union, or whether what we have heard about is just words," said Mr Urban, a former teacher, now employed as a bricklayer. "One of my fellow delegates was already arrested before leaving Prague, and I have seen some disturbing signs already such as plainclothes men taking pictures from black Volga saloons."

Mr Sergei Petrov, a Soviet citizen barred from leaving Moscow to join his American wife in the US, and the spokesman for the conference, said that it was significant that although the Kremlin authorities had tried numerous different methods to disrupt it, they had not approached the organizers openly and banned it. "They are too embarrassed to do that, especially when the summit is still going on," he added.

According to Mr Petrov and other dissidents crammed into the flat on Moscow's Frunzenskaya Street, it was the first time that so many different Soviet pressure groups had co-operated.

ANGLO-SOVIET TIES

West considers how to avoid 1988 let-down

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

As the Washington summit draws to a close, an urgent question facing the West is how to prevent the euphoria of 1987 turning into the disappointment of 1988.

Signs that public expectations of blossoming East-West relations had been raised beyond realistic levels emerged yesterday in both the United States and Europe. While Whitehall and Washington have seen the INF Treaty as a triumph capable of standing alone without major progress on other fronts, the public has been looking for some further breakthrough.

If nothing substantial has emerged between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov, disillusionment could be a liability for Mr Reagan during the 1988 election campaign. But the situation will also expose a gap between British and American perspectives.

Unlike Washington, Whitehall is in no hurry to achieve the Start (Strategic Arms Reduction Talks) agreement to reduce strategic weapons by 50 per cent.

The chemistry between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov seen during her Moscow visit last spring and at RAF Brize Norton on Monday may have given the impression of a heady political affair. But the policy behind it is slow and cautious.

Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe decided in 1983 to develop relations gradually, giving measures to improve mutual confidence much higher priority than arms cuts.

But the lack of haste does not mean that nothing is happening. Efforts to "thicken" the relationship (a Whitehall adaption of culinary jargon) are being made on a broad front.

These are the developments likely during 1988:

High-level exchanges:

Sir Geoffrey Howe is to visit Moscow for the third time in January or February. He is also expected largely to complete his second tour of East European capitals. A date may be set for Mr Gorbachov's promised visit to Britain.

Trade:

Measures to increase Anglo-Soviet trade by 40 per cent by 1990 are being led by the Anglo-Soviet Joint Commission, an inter-governmental body. Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, took seven leaders of British industry to Moscow in October, and there is to be a return visit by Soviet industrialists. Britain suffers a substantial trade deficit (1986 imports: £725 million; 1986 exports £539 million).

Culture:

Soviet academics are to take part in higher education study tour of Britain in February. Soviet delegates will attend seminar on contemporary literature at Cambridge in March. The National Youth Orchestra will tour Soviet Union in August. The Foreign Office will select a British academic to give a important lecture in Moscow, in return for lecture given in London last month by Soviet academician Professor Abel Aganbegyan.

Confidence-building measures on chemical weapons:

1. British officials to visit Soviet chemical warfare site at Shikhany next summer. They are expected to include the director of Porton Down and the leader and chief scientist of Britain's delegation to the 40-nation Committee on Disarmament in Geneva. The Foreign Office is hoping Moscow will allow access to more modern and sensitive facilities than the 1950s vintage equipment that was shown to delegates of the 40 nations in October.

2. Soviet officials to visit Porton Down, where production of British chemical weapons stopped in 1959 but anti-chemical warfare research continues. The date has not been yet set.

Drugs:

Whitehall is about to announce the date of the signing of an Anglo-Soviet agreement to co-operate in the fight against drugs smuggling. It provides for exchanges of information and should cut the flow of heroin being carried by couriers from Afghanistan to Moscow, and from there to Western capitals.

Terrorism:

A first visit to Moscow by Foreign and Home Office experts to meet Soviet counterparts has taken place and a follow-up is likely.

Vienna talks:

Bilateral relations are likely to be affected by the outcome of the multilateral (35 nation) Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe talks in Vienna. The Vienna follow-up to the 1975 Helsinki agreement is of importance both on human rights and conventional forces reductions. Talks began in November, 1986, and are unlikely to finish before late 1988. The key to success would be a Soviet commitment to implement the human rights undertakings it accepted in 1975. The West would reply to this concession by allowing a new forum for talks on conventional forces to go ahead.

East Berlin (Reuter) – President Ceausescu of Romania, dogged by political problems at home, will miss a Warsaw Pact post-summit meeting with Mr Gorbachov today which diplomats here said yesterday could produce new East-bloc arms proposals. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Mr Ceausescu was sending the Foreign Minister, Mr Ioan Totu, to represent him at the meeting.

SUMMIT SPIES

Where even the bellboys can read a Russian lip

**From Christopher Thomas
Washington**

Some of the waiters and bellboys at the Madison Hotel are not what they appear to be. They are listening, watching and furtively taking notes. They are even lip-reading. They are American spies with a mission to build up psychological profiles of top Russians.

The 400-room hotel is filled with members of the Soviet delegation. Those who slip out to the nearby Safeway supermarket or the Radioshack high-tech store to ogle in wonderment are discreetly followed, photographed and recorded.

The real target is Mr Mikhail Gorbachov himself. His every move is watched by American psychiatrists and psychologists. Interpreters and guards are feeding every tiny detail of his body language to American intelligence agents to help build up a picture of the Soviet leader's emotions and personality.

A CIA source said lip-readers had been trained months in advance and would study hours of film of the Soviet leader. "You want to get his confidential asides to his aides," the official observed. "He may be looking over a podium and say something snide or he may say something funny."

Soviet intelligence agents are also out in force on the streets of Washington this week. American intelligence officials said the Russians were "very busy" and presumably had stepped up their interception of microwave telephone calls in Washington, which they are known to beam to a satellite receiving dish in Cuba.

US officials say the advanced eavesdropping process has been made possible because the Russians somehow obtained a US-made computer that has been installed on the top floor of the Soviet Embassy four blocks north of the White House.

For all the intelligence onslaught, the Americans have never beeen able to find out much about Mrs Raisa Gorbachov. But the Russians this week unexpectedly gave in to a clamour for information by the American press and issued what they called a "biography", the entire contents of which read: "Raisa Maximovna Gorbacheva, a Russian, was born in the Siberian city of Rubtsovsk, in a family of a railway engineer."

Much has been made of the sniffy exchanges between her and Mrs Nancy Reagan this week, in particular Mrs Gorbachov's hostile reflections on homelessness and poverty in America.

The Soviet leader's wife may have been moved to make her remarks after observing the pathetic spectacle of Lillie Smith, an elderly homeless woman who has spent the entire summit wrapped against the chill wind in a deckchair a block away from the Soviet Embassy, surrounded by large posters protesting about US human rights abuses.

The drumbeat of protests is everywhere in Washington. Directly opposite the White House in Lafayette Park, all along Pennsylvania Avenue and in the streets surrounding the Soviet Embassy there are Christian evangelists, Hare Krishna worshippers, Afghans, Soviet exiles, Jews and Islamic fundamentalists, Central Americans, Angolans, and many more besides. It has been a festival of free speech.

MOSCOW'S MILITARY CHIEF

Marshal an imaginative negotiator

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

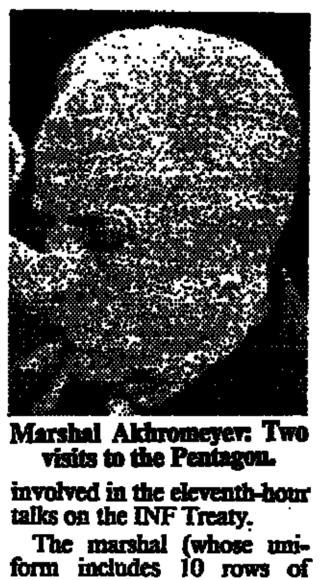
Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet Chief of Staff, who began the week as the least well-known of Mr Gorbachov's summit team, has rapidly emerged, especially after his historic tour of the Pentagon, as one of its key members.

In full dress uniform, bemedalled and beribboned, Marshal Akhromeyev yesterday paid a second visit to the Pentagon, where he held talks with Admiral William Crowe, his US opposite number, and the other Joint Chiefs.

Appointed in September 1984, in succession to the more flamboyant and controversial Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, Marshal Akhromeyev, aged 64, a wiry veteran of the Second World War, is number two to Mr Dmitri Yazov, the new Defence Minister, who holds the lesser rank of general.

The marshal first caught the attention of the US authorities during the abortive summit in Iceland in October 1986, when he was marked down as the most influential member of the Soviet arms negotiating team and – perhaps surprisingly for a career soldier – the most imaginative at devising formulas for circumventing the trickiest problems.

Last month in Geneva, he was paid a high compliment by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, who expressed optimism as soon as he heard that Marshal Akhromeyev was on the delegation involved in the eleventh-hour talks on the INF Treaty.



Marshal Akhromeyev: Two visits to the Pentagon.

The marshal (whose uniform includes 10 rows of decorations) is able to provide Mr Gorbachov with an instant appraisal of how any new arms-control move will be viewed by the Moscow military establishment.

Born in May 1923, he has served in the Soviet Army since 1940. During the Second World War he was a battalion commander of tank troops.

In a recent and rare interview with an American correspondent, the marshal expressed a number of strong views, including the opinion that the December 1979 invasion of Afghanistan "was not a mistake", in contrast with some senior Kremlin figures, who have expressed regret about the costly intervention.

The marshal acknowledged that the published figure for Soviet military spending – 20.2 billion roubles (£20.2 billion) this year – reflected only personnel, pensions, training and logistics, and not weaponry.

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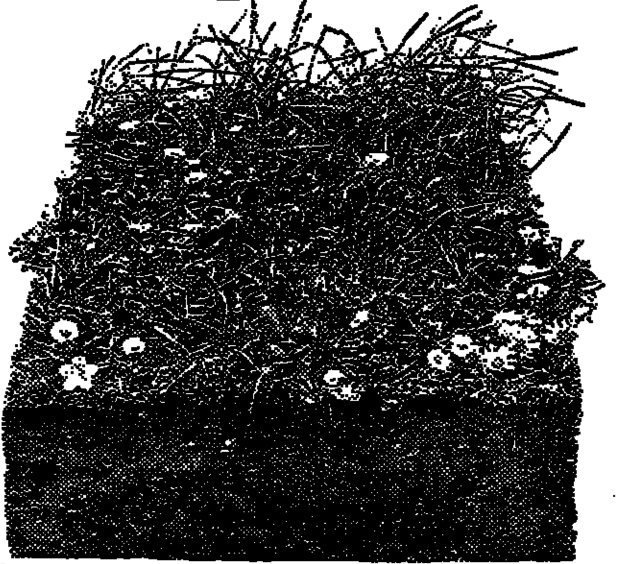

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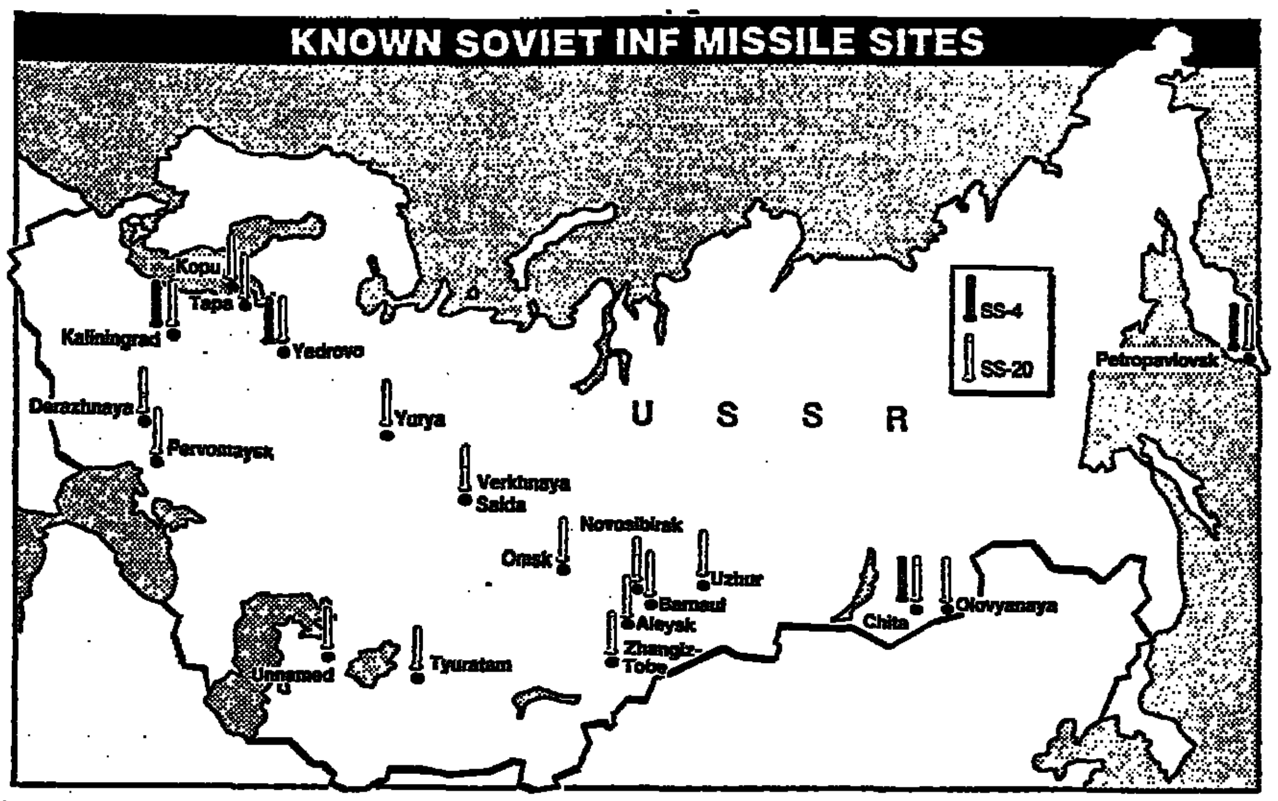
MISSILE INSPECTION

Warhead stores out of bounds

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent



The INF Treaty was originally published without the lengthy memorandum of understanding because, US officials said, it had information about the location of all Soviet and US missiles which had not yet been declassified. Soviet spokesmen said they had no objection to the publication, but there was speculation the US was worried by possible terrorist attacks. There are 120 Soviet locations that will be open to inspection, including storage and support facilities and sites in East Germany and Czechoslovakia; there are thought to be around 25 US sites in all, including eight in Europe.

Soviet inspectors who arrive at the two cruise missile bases at Greenham Common and Molesworth will have no right at any stage to demand to see the nuclear warheads, because they are not "treaty limited *items*", *it* emerged yesterday.

British officials who are now drawing up the details for the inspection programmes, based on the protocols of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, emphasized yesterday that only the missiles and the launch vehicles are covered by the agreement.

Both Molesworth and Greenham Common will remain operational for as long as they retain "flights" of missiles. The single warheads for the 112 cruise missiles now deployed at the two bases — 96 at Greenham Common and 16 at *Molesworth — are kept in* separate storage facilities because they are never deployed on training exercises.

The British officials said yesterday that the Soviet inspectors would be permitted under the INF Treaty to look inside any building if they could argue that it was big enough to house a missile. But this right would not be extended to any storage facility containing warheads.

The warheads are not "treaty limited items" because their contents, the nuclear fissile material and secret guidance systems, will not be destroyed. *Both sides will be* allowed to store these materials or make some use of them in other weapon systems.

The officials said yesterday that the total number of missiles at the two bases exceeded the 112 deployed but denied that they were "refire" *missiles. "There is a small* amount of spare equipment at each base," one official said.

The Memorandum of Understanding contained in the treaty which was kept secret until yesterday lists all the deployed, reload and spare missiles held by both sides. The total is 2,611 missiles, of which 859 are American and 1,752 are Russian.

The American breakdown is: 429 deployed Pershing 2 and cruise missiles (including Pershing 2 reloads in West Germany), 260 non-deployed medium-range missiles and 170 old Pershing 1A shorter-range missiles, of which 72 are based in West Germany and the rest stockpiled in the US. All have single warheads.

The Soviet breakdown is: 470 medium-range SS 20 and SS 4 deployed missiles, 356 non-deployed medium-range missiles, 387 deployed shorter-range missiles and 539 in storage. The SS 20 has three warheads, while the SS 4 and the shorter-range SS 12 and SS 23 have single warheads.

The officials said yesterday that the Soviet inspectors would not be able to count the warheads at Greenham Common and Molesworth. The warhead-counting procedure would be carried out at the American "elimination facility" once they had been returned to the US.

Under the verification package, the details of which will be formally signed between each European basing country and the US today in Brussels, the teams of 10 inspectors for each base will be allowed to carry out an inspection lasting 24 hours, although an extension of a further eight hours could be requested.

The officials said that the Russians would be given a briefing for about an hour and be supplied with a diagram as well as a list of the number of missiles and launch vehicles on site.

The inspectors and 10 aircrew flying them in will first have been vetted by the British authorities. The Inspection Protocol allows the authorities to reject anyone known to have been involved in criminal activity in Britain or previously expelled. The approved list of inspectors would all have diplomatic status during their stay in Britain.

The officials confirmed that the hardened shelters at the two bases which are supposed to be able to withstand conventional attack would have to be demolished. Greenham Common and Molesworth cost £174 million to develop as cruise missile sites. The US contributed £78 million, the British Government £36.9 million and Nato £59 million.

NATO DILEMMA

Germans wary as focus switches to Europeans

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Nato yesterday began to digest the outcome of the Washington summit and to tackle the dilemma of how to build on the momentum by taking the disarmament process further without undermining West European security.

As the Nato Council convenes today at foreign and defence minister level, Nato officials have said that Mr Gorbachov could catch the Western alliance off-guard by proposing further initiatives at a time when West Germany is at odds with the other European allies over the dangers of a slide towards a "denuclearized" Europe.

The East-West spotlight moves today not only to Brussels, where Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, will address the Western alliance, but also to East Berlin, where Mr Gorbachov will brief the Warsaw Pact on the summit results. Mr Gorbachov could propose *cuts in conventional forces*, or even a "third zero" in nuclear disarmament to follow the INF Treaty, Nato officials said.

Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, said on the eve of today's crucial meeting that although the Europeans fully supported the INF deal, it was "only a small step". The "military realities" of the Warsaw Pact's advantages, especially in conventional and chemical weapons, remained.

Mr Shultz will today join the allies in greeting the INF treaty as a "milestone" and urging its ratification by the US Senate. Lord Carrington said yesterday that the United States should not "misunderstand" European attitudes, a reference to some European and especially West German reservations.

But behind the scenes the euphoria over the signing of the INF Treaty is already fading, and Nato — especially West Germany, which feels uniquely exposed to Soviet conventional forces and short-range nuclear weapons — is looking ahead to the next steps.

As Chancellor Kohl observed yesterday in Bonn, these steps begin with a 50 per cent cut in strategic missiles and include the Nato-Warsaw Pact conventional forces reduction talks in Vienna.

Nonetheless, for Bonn, whose anxieties look certain to dominate Nato's deliberations, it is the short-range nuclear missiles with a range less than 300 miles which arouse by far the greatest concern. German officials, including Herr Kohl, are out of step with the allies in insisting on a link between reductions in such weapons and conventional reductions, a linkage specifically rejected yesterday by senior Nato officials involved in the Vienna negotiations.

"With Washington behind him, Gorbachov could well now suggest a third zero on short-range weapons to follow the double zero eliminating the two classes of missiles with a range of between 300 and 3,400 miles," one Nato diplomat said.

Challenge to West's planes

The Soviet Union's latest combat fighter aircraft are challenging the superiority in conventional air power that Nato has enjoyed since the Second World War (Michael Evans writes). The latest edition of *Jane's All The World's Aircraft*, published yesterday, reports that Moscow has made rapid advances in technology, producing jet fighters that compare favourably with Nato air forces.

Mr John Taylor, its editor, said Nato could meet the urgent need to equip its air forces for their new commitments only if it used the skills of all the aircraft designers, engineers and manufacturers within the alliance.

This has appeal for the West Germans, since the short-range weapons remaining after INF could only fall on German soil — either East or West — *if fired in anger*.

But the third zero has little or no appeal for other Nato members, including Britain, which fear it would further Mr Gorbachov's presumed aim of bringing about the de-nuclearization of Western Europe. Nato officials argue this would leave Europeans dependant on a distant US nuclear umbrella.

In yesterday's Bundestag debate on arms control, Herr Kohl deliberately gave equal weight to conventional imbalances and the short-range issue. Nato agreed at Reykjavik in June to formulate a comprehensive post-INF package of priorities to include both questions. But this is regarded as a long-term goal and unlikely to be achieved before the next Nato Council next summer in Spain.

In any case, most European nations want to retain Nato's short-range weapons, such as Lance, and if possible modernize them. This puts the *short-range missile question* low on the list of priorities. "It is on the back burner whether Bonn likes it or not," one official said.

At a ceremony today foreign ministers from the European basing countries, including Sir Geoffrey Howe, will sign bilateral agreements with the United States laying down the conditions under which inspectors will be allowed access to missile bases and other facilities to verify launcher and warhead destruction. Nato officials denied that the basing countries had been kept in the dark about the details of such arrangements, saying there had been Alliance consultation on the question for many months.

But for Herr Kohl, who helped to pave the way for INF by withdrawing West Germany's aging Pershing 1A missiles, against the advice of his own Defence Minister, Herr Manfred Wörner, the INF triumph brings as many problems as it solves. The focus on German concerns will become even sharper if, as expected, Herr Wörner is named today to succeed Lord Carrington as Nato Secretary-General next June.

Herr Volker Ruhe, the Chancellor's defence advisor in the ruling Christian Democrats, said in Bonn that Nato must evolve a rational policy for future arms control rather than reacting to Mr Gorbachov and looking only a *few steps ahead at a time. But* defining the right balance and the right package will not be easy.

It will be made even more difficult if Nato decides not only to retain and upgrade short-range nuclear forces in the face of German doubts but also to reinforce defences with sea and air launched cruise missiles to compensate for the withdrawal of land-based cruise and Pershing 2s. Lord Carrington insisted yesterday that he had "no reason to suppose" that such compensatory measures were planned.

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INF NEGOTIATIONS

Document details underline hard bargaining

By Our Defence Correspondent

The phenomenal detail written into the two protocols and 17 articles of the INF Treaty betrays the agonizing negotiations that went on in Geneva during the weeks before the final draft.

One issue that caused last-minute rows between the superpowers was the list of airports to be used for the teams of inspectors arriving to verify the removal of missiles from their bases. For East Germany, where the Russians have a small deployment of shorter-range missiles, the Soviet negotiators insisted on naming Berlin as the "point of entry". The Soviet Union and East Germany have always tried to claim that East Berlin is the capital of the German Democratic Republic. But Berlin, East and West, is under four-power control and could never be recognized by the West as a capital. So Washington refused to accept East Berlin.

The Inspection Protocol lists — without any mention of the battle that was involved in the negotiations — Schkeuditz airport, about six miles north-west of Leipzig, as the point of entry for East Germany.

The other points of entry are Washington and San Francisco, Brussels, the Rhein-Main air base at Frankfurt, Rome, Schiphol (The Netherlands), RAF Greenham Common, Moscow and Irkutsk (Soviet Union), and the Ruzyne international airport (Czechoslovakia).

There is one social aspect included in the Inspection Protocol. Inspectors will be allowed to travel within 50 kilometres (31 miles) from the inspection site with the permission of the host country escorts to enjoy "leisure activity". But they may have to be officially accompanied, if it is thought necessary.

The setting and drive for the INF Treaty is enshrined in the opening words of the 17 articles which state that both sides were guided by the objective of "strengthening a strategic stability", convinced that the measures set down in the treaty will help "to reduce the risk of outbreak of war and strengthen international peace and security". But even the names of the missiles to be eliminated varied between the US and Soviet camps. The Russians apparently use the same designations as Nato for the American INF missiles but their own SS 20 they call RSD 10 and the SS 4 is known as R 12. The SS 12 and SS 23, the shorter-range Soviet missiles, are designated as OTR 22 and OTR 23.

THE OTHER SUMMIT

'Style Wars' deal still far away

From Charles Bremner
Washington

With the treaty signed and the two leaders exchanging cosy Mikhails and Rons, the spotlight for a while turned to that more drama-laden summit — Raisa's coffee with Nancy.

The coffee call and White House tour on Wednesday was the only formal get-together of the week for the two first ladies, who experts say have been on far from friendly terms.

Journalists who have been poring over one of the key summit issues — is Nancy really offended, and will Raisa upstage her again? — thought for one moment that they were about to get an answer straight from the source.

"The crucial issue which is exciting the whole world is the one that concerns us today," Mrs Gorbachov told breathless reporters as Mrs Reagan greeted her in the White House doorway. "That is the great historical moment which was the signing of the treaty," her interpreter went on, as faces fell.

The two first ladies, adversaries in the "Style Wars" proclaimed by the popular press, demonstrated warmth and cordiality, apparently aware of all the speculation about the chill between them.

This fooled few experts. Enemies always smile and joke at the "photo-opps", the older hands advised less seasoned colleagues.

Mrs R took Mrs G's arm while Mrs G told the hordes: "We are continuing our personal acquaintance ... We have many subjects for discussion."

To a reporter who asked the crucial question about antagonism, Mrs Reagan replied: "That's so silly. I'm not making any ill feelings."

Mrs Gorbachov reassured the gathering: "Everything is all right, and it seems to me Mrs Reagan gave the answer. She is the hostess and that was her word."

But Raisa may not have done so well with a later remark after her tour of the Reagans' living quarters: "It's an official house," she said.

"A human being would like to live in a regular house. This is a museum," she said.

Friendly persuasion? Mrs Reagan interrupts an impromptu press conference by Mrs Gorbachov to hasten the start of their joint tour of the White House.

The Soviet and American spokesmen said later that the two first husbands had prolonged their Wednesday-morning talk on Afghanistan and other matters to allow Raisa and Nancy to wind up their own discussions.

Now that *glasnost* has taken the spice out of old-style Kremlin-watching, the spousologists have adapted their techniques, such as measuring proximity *in public*, to the business of gauging the Nancy-Raisa rapport.

When Mrs Reagan took Mrs Gorbachov's arm at the welcoming ceremony "Mrs Gorbachov appeared to take a step away", *The New York Times* pronounced.

"Nancy has one style blunder," said *USA Today*. "She has a pained look whenever she rubs elbows with Raisa."

Mrs Reagan's pain is said by her associates to come from Mrs Gorbachov's tardiness in accepting her invitation to the White House and by her behaviour in Reykjavik last year. She appeared there after the wives agreed not to go, and then speculated to the press that perhaps Mrs Reagan had stayed away through illness.

She may have dazzled the world at the Geneva summit meeting in 1985, and stolen the show at Reykjavik, but this time round Mrs Gorbachov has aimed for a lower public profile.

There have been none of the shopping trips of London nor the appearances with dress-designers that she made in Paris.

She has accompanied her husband at public events and spent the rest of the time sightseeing and visiting art galleries.

Her Soviet organizers appeared to have overcome some of the confusion that led to embarrassment and some chagrin on Tuesday.

At one moment, the directors of the National Academy *of Sciences* were lined up outside in the cold to greet her after a briefing from an Academician, Professor Yevgeny Velikhov, her husband's top scientific adviser.

Her motorcade of Zils and escorts swept up — and then zoomed on, without stopping to look at the monuments. "I've got too little time," was her refrain of the day.

The White House banquet and the chance to sing along with "Midnight in Moscow" rendered by Van Cliburn, her favourite pianist, seemed to have improved her spirits.

The following day she entered into a little of the chat that she shared with reporters in Reykjavik and elsewhere.

"Good morning," she ventured in English to the reporters this time. "I like art," she continued in Russian.

At the National Gallery, she saw an exhibit by the US painter, Georgia O'Keeffe, whom she called "a great American painter — and most important — she was a woman".

Mrs Gorbachev described herself as a university-trained philosopher with an amateur's appreciation for art.

Mrs G, once the subject of gushing praise and features on the American television show, *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*, has clearly been aiming to quash accusations at home that she has strayed too far from the role of dutiful Kremlin spouse.

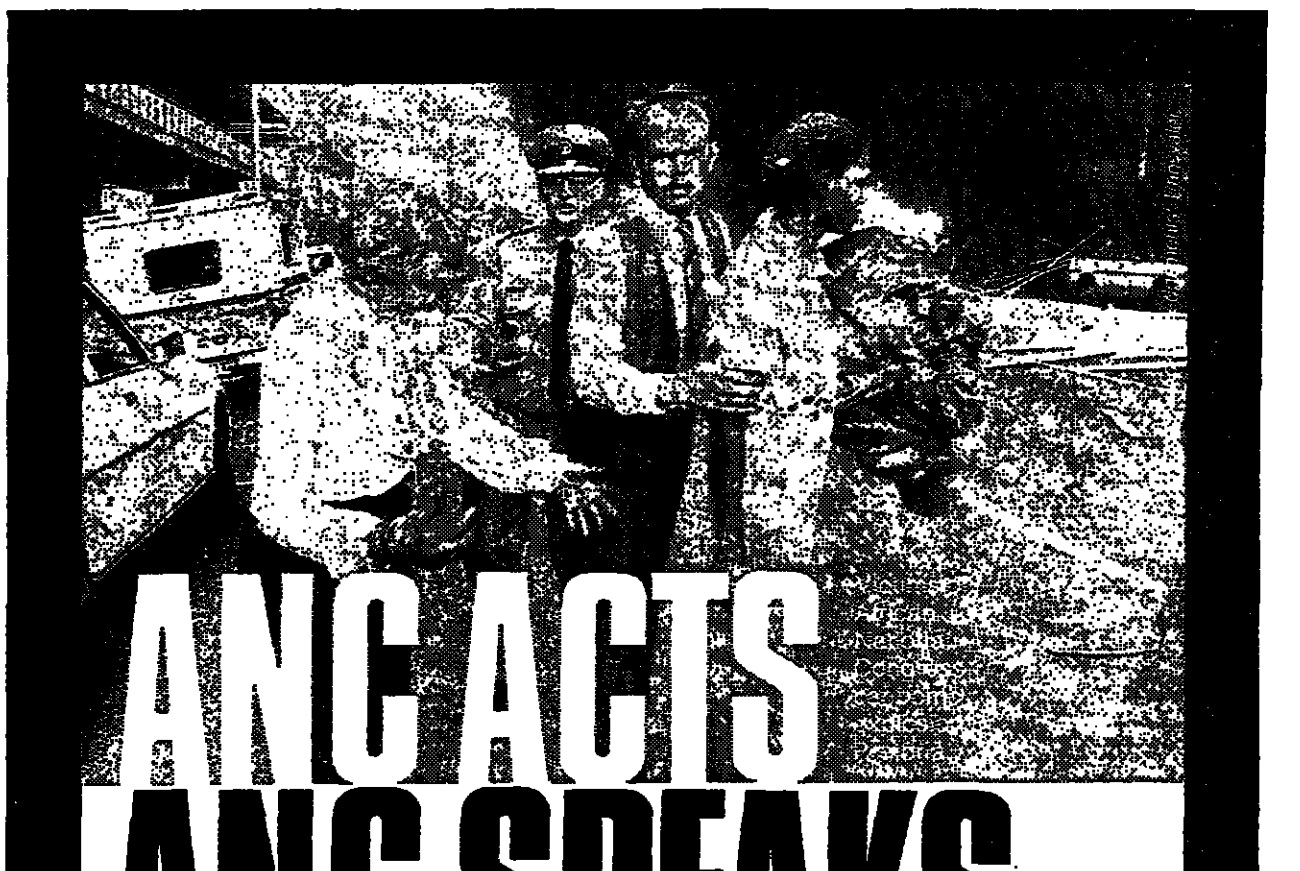
Apart from her Persian lamb coat, the rest of her wardrobe is being written off as drab and dowdy, severe and "schoolmarmish".

"She looks a little like a middle-aged Leslie Caron," the *Ladies' Home Journal* reported.

But neither has Mr Gorbachov's choice of clothes earned praise in the Washington of power-dressing.

At the White House ceremonies, his short grey overcoat and tartan scarf have been no match for Mr Reagan's elegant long black coat and white scarf.

He was also faulted for shunning tradition at the White House black-tie banquet and turning up in what a *Washington Post* writer called "plain workers' garments tailored for him in Savile Row".



ANC SPEAKS

"The violence could include... attacks on British companies and other western companies refusing to disengage and hasten the collapse of the system."
Johnny Makatini, Director of International Affairs for the ANC.
(Quoted in the Globe and Mail (Canada) 16th October 1987)

"We are going to step up the struggle... The ANC embraces violence."
Oliver Tambo. *(Press conference at the House of Commons, May 1987)*

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Manila police foil 'Marcos plot'

Manila (Reuter) – Police said an apparent plot to disrupt next week's South-East Asian summit here was exposed yesterday when a supporter of Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the former Philippines President, was arrested in possession of 250 sticks of dynamite. Police said the suspect, Roberto Eusebio, informed them that the dynamite was given to him by another Marcos supporter and was to be made into bombs of between 15 and 20 sticks of dynamite each.

The arrest occurred only hours after two boxes packed with dynamite and wired to a timing device were found at the City Hall. A third box of dynamite was found at a nearby school. Earlier, police said a rash of bomb incidents in recent days signalled a serious threat to the country's stability in the run-up to the December 14-15 summit of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean). Brigadier-General Alexander Aguirre, the Manila area military commander, said: "We aborted other plans to bomb several places in Manila. It's possible there are still several other places where bombs may have been planted. I have directed police to look for them," General Aguirre said.

Ruhr blockade

Bonn – Steel workers in Duisburg yesterday cut off the city from the rest of the Ruhr by blockading Rhine bridges and road junctions in protest against the planned closure of a Krupp plant with the loss of 5,300 jobs (John England writes). Thousands of steel workers brought rush-hour traffic to a standstill. Public transport also stopped running.

There were similar problems in several other Ruhr cities as steel workers went on strike in sympathy with their colleagues in Duisburg. In Bonn, Herr Norbert Blüm, the Minister for Labour, appealed to other firms to find jobs for the threatened steel workers.

Ershad frees 19

Dhaka (Reuter) – The Government of Bangladesh yesterday freed Sheikh Hasina Wazed and Begum Khaleda Zia, the two main opposition leaders, and 17 others to foster peace talks between President Ershad and the dissidents who have pledged to topple him.

But Sheikh Hasina, who leads the Awami League, immediately turned down any talks with the President and repeated her demand for his resignation. Police stopped hundreds of party workers outside her house where she had been confined since her arrest on November 11, and used teargas and batons to break up other anti-Ershad rallies.

Blast stops elections

Athens – Elections at the influential Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry were called off abruptly yesterday after a bomb explosion in its eight-storey headquarters in central Athens. Five employees were injured, one of them critically (Mario Modiano writes).

No one so far has claimed responsibility for the attack, but an anonymous warning was received by the switchboard of an Athens newspaper barely four minutes before the bomb exploded on the sixth floor of the building, which was being used as a canteen.

Rock gets new party

Gibraltar – Mr Joe Pietaluga, who was right-hand man to Gibraltar's newly retired Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan, is to form the Independent Democratic Party, the Rock's third political party (Dominique Searle writes).

His new party will fight the introduction of socialism by the Opposition leader, Mr Joe Bossano. Mr Pietaluga believes that without Sir Joshua the government party will be unable to stop a Socialist election win.

Poll date for Haiti

Miami – Haiti's junta will swear in its own electoral council tomorrow and hold a new election on January 17 (Alan Tomlinson writes).

This action follows the refusal of most independent Haitian institutions to cooperate with the Government by nominating new representatives to the election-organizing body and the issuing of a joint declaration by three of the leading presidential candidates vowing to boycott any ballot run by the junta.

Cambodia talks off

A decision yesterday by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, left, the former ruler of Cambodia, to cancel two further sessions of peace talks with the Cambodian Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen, because his coalition partners were not taking part appears to be the result of pressure from China (Alexander Johnson writes). It appears to deal a severe blow to the fragile peace plan tentatively drawn up last week between the two men in talks near Paris.

Mozambique fear and famine shocks Geldof

From Paul Vallely
Inhaminga, Mozambique

There were 800 more frightened, naked and starving people to be fed in the small Mozambican town of Inhaminga yesterday.

To the Red Cross staff there, they were yet another batch in the thousands of refugees who have been trickling into their reception centre for many months. To Mr Bob Geldof it was a shocking introduction to a famine of a different kind.

The 800 had arrived in three different groups the day before. For the past four months they had been living on the roots of banana trees and wild berries in an area where it has not rained properly since 1982. But the cause of their arrival was something more distressing – they were fleeing from the Mozambique National Resistance whose guerrillas have been terrorizing the region.

Mr Geldof, who for the past two years has confined his Band Aid projects to African countries bordering the Sahara, was visibly shocked at the sight of the 800, sitting in eerie silence in the shade of a line of trees. "My God, it's like Ethiopia in 1985 all over again," he said.

Several of the children were clearly on the point of death. Small babies lay listless in their mother's arms. The skin hung in wrinkles around the shrunken thighs of one little boy. Flies busied around the crusted secretions from his eyes.

Others, their heads appearing swollen by comparison with their fragile little limbs, pulled with forlorn hope at their mothers' sagging breasts. Their elder brothers and sisters sat around them. They were distressingly thin. Their bellies swelled like obscene balloons – the combined effect of parasites, vitamin deficiency and malnutrition.

At the end of the row the men sat separately. There were not many of them.

One of the peasant women, Louise Enerta, spoke apprehensively for them all. "The bandits came and kidnapped our men. So we ran away. We were very weak. Since August we have eaten only banana roots and wild berries because there is no rain. If we did plant a crop the bandits would steal it or destroy it."

Mr Geldof asked her if many people had died. "Many died in the villages. More died during the journey."

Some of the refugees had walked for three days to get to the centre. For Louise Enerta and her three malnourished children, it had been a second escape.

"I was captured by the bandits before. It was on the 25 June 1985." She had been a captive for two years, she said. But now, the more questions the pop star asked, the less she answered. Finally she turned her head to one side and refused to say another word.

Aid workers filled the gap. They had dealt with thousands of traumatized refugees. The stories which eventually were teased from them were the same as those told in dozens of other reception centres through which a total of 1.8 million displaced farmers have passed.

They told of schools and hospitals attacked by guerrillas, and of the nurses and teachers who were mutilated, bayoneted to death or shot before the people's eyes. They told of minor officials tortured to death, of women raped, and children aged eight conscripted to their cause.

Mr Geldof was shocked into an uncharacteristic silence. Only later did he fulminate for the television cameras.

"It is particularly distressing to come here after Ethiopia. In Ethiopia of course, there are political factors which aggravate the famine. But 80 per cent of the problem there is the weather. Here the weather is only 5 per cent of the problem. The real cause of all this is barbaric thuggery," he said.

"To call these people bandits is to grace them with more than they deserve. What ideology can justify cutting off a teacher's ears and nose, deliberately polluting wells by pushing dead bodies down them and ripping open the stomach of pregnant women and leaving the foetuses alive. All this is well documented. But few people in England realize how horrible it is. The world cannot do enough to counter it."

The 800 were given food by the International Committee of the Red Cross from their supplies which arrive almost daily from Beira in an old Dakota aircraft.

US envoy hits out at apartheid and urges majority rule

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Edward Perkins, the US Ambassador to South Africa, who is the first negro to hold the post, has called for a government here that truly represents the country's black majority, and described apartheid as "one of the century's most disastrous feats of social engineering".

"South Africa faces a major transformation of its political structure," Mr Perkins wrote in an article in the latest issue of the magazine *Leadership*, which went on sale yesterday and is widely read in the business community.

"I sense a growing realization that a valid political system here must be one that correlates with the demographics of the country – not merely black participation or black co-operation, but a government which truly represents the majority of South Africans," the Ambassador said.

"The majority must have a significant say in how that government is formed," he added. "I do not think that elaborate schemes which try to give an impression of black representation, but actually maintain white power, will work."

This latter statement could be read as a reference to Pretoria's proposed National Council, an advisory body, on which blacks would sit with government representatives and which would recommend constitutional changes but have no legislative or administrative power.

The article is a break with the self-effacing style which Mr Perkins, a gentlemanly career diplomat, has adopted up to now. It also puts a sharper focus on Washington's policy towards South Africa, which hitherto has been careful not to seem to be prescribing to Pretoria.

Mr Perkins comes as close to recommending black majority rule as the euphemisms of diplomatic language permit. He adds the qualification, however, that "to hasten the process of change, and to avoid bloodshed and chaos, it will be necessary to provide some kind of reassurance to Afrikaners".

Afrikaners, who dominate the white population and control the Government, "will want to know that sometime after the transition they will not end up defenceless and dispossessed in the land of their birth", Mr Perkins says, apparently acknowledging the need for some kind of constitutional safeguard for minorities.

His arrival here in November 1986, was greeted with caustic comment by militant blacks. Since then, Mr Perkins has quietly visited many black townships, cultivated a wide range of black and white contacts, and earned the grudging respect of several leading black activists who were initially scornful of his appointment.

● **Terror conviction:** A self-confessed commissar of Umkhonto We Sizwe, the military wing of the outlawed African National Congress, was sentenced to 17 years in jail yesterday after being convicted in the Cape Town Supreme Court of terrorism and attempted murder.

Yesterday police reported that they had killed "four suspected terrorists" and seized large quantities of weapons in a pre-dawn raid yesterday on a house in a township outside Port Elizabeth.

In the Cape Town trial, Mxolisi Petaine, aged 29, was found guilty of placing a bomb in a car outside a shopping centre. The bomb did not explode. He was also implicated in two incidents in which shots were fired at policemen.

Meanwhile, Mr Govan Mbeki, the veteran ANC leader recently released from jail, is to address a private meeting in Cape Town tomorrow, Mr Dullah Omar, chairman of the Western Cape region of the UDF, announced yesterday.

Earlier this week, Mr Mbeki was refused permission to address an open-air rally in the Athlone Coloured township on Sunday.

Shoot-out in black police mutiny

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

About 60 black municipal policemen mutinied in the Sebokeng black township, 40 miles south of Johannesburg, yesterday after being ordered by their white commanding officer to conduct a vehicle inspection.

The incident is the first of its kind – or, at any rate, the first to be reported – and is potentially of great significance. Half of the 57,000 men in the South African Police (SAP) are blacks, and the force's efficacy depends in large part on their loyalty and reliability.

According to a statement by police headquarters in Pretoria, the mutineers tried to run the commanding officer down in their vehicles, and were then involved in an exchange of gunfire with members of the West Rand Unrest Unit.

Seven of the mutinous black policemen were wounded, two of them by buckshot, and one needed hospital treatment, the police statement said. Nineteen were taken into custody.

According to the police account, there was a high-speed car chase between the mutineers and the unrest unit before the rebels were cornered.

It was also disclosed yesterday that21 people have been hanged at Pretoria Central Prison over the past three days, seven yesterday, seven on Wednesday and seven on Tuesday. This brings to 164 the number of people, executed so far this year.

Nobel prize a birthday treat

President Arias of Costa Rica proudly showing his son, Oscar, daughter, Silvia, and mother the Nobel Peace Prize he was awarded in Oslo yesterday.

The prize was given in recognition of the work "he and the four other Central American leaders" have done towards bringing peace to the region (A Correspondent writes from Oslo). The Nobel Committee chairman, Mr Egil Aarvik, said it was not only recognition for past work but "encouragement for your initiative for the future on the road towards peace."

At the age of 46, President Arias is one of the youngest Peace Prize winners and "has most of his life's work to come," Mr Aarvik said.

The audience at the ceremony in the university hall in Oslo included the Norwegian royal family and the former West German Chancellor Herr Willy Brandt, himself a past winner of the prize.

It was Oscar's eighth birthday and President Arias used the personal significance of the date to assure his son's generation that Costa Rica would "never support military solutions to the problems of Central America."

Señor Arias, who was elected President of Costa Rica in 1986, was the main architect of the Central American peace plan signed in Guatemala on August 7.

His initiative prompted the Nobel Committee to make him one of the least controversial Peace Prize winners, a decision "which is enhancing the possibilities of success" in Central America, he said.

President Arias said he was seeking in Central America not peace alone, not peace to be followed some day by political progress, but peace and democracy together, indivisible, an end to the shedding of human blood, which was inseparable from an end to the suppression of human rights.

"We believe justice and peace can only thrive together, never apart. A nation that mistreats its own citizens is more likely to mistreat its neighbours. We need to strengthen our institutions of peace like the United Nations, making certain they are fully used by the weak as well as the strong," he said.

President Arias said he was accepting the prize on behalf of the people of Costa Rica, "a country of peace" which disbanded its army in 1948.

He called on both East and West to leave the interpretation and implementation of the peace plan to the people of Central America. President Arias has repeatedly called for a halt to US support for the Contras in Nicaragua.

"Send our people ploughshares instead of swords, pruning hooks instead of spears. If they, for their own purposes, cannot refrain from amassing the weapons of war, then in the name of God at least they should leave us in peace," he said.

Washington (AP) – The House of Representatives voted 215-200 on Wednesday to ban the US Government from seeking military aid from other nations for the Contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist Government.

The House, controlled by Democrats, generally split along party lines as it banned so-called "third party" aid to the Contras after a contentious debate during which both sides used the Iran-Contra scandal to bolster their arguments.

Iran leadership

Khomeini rethinks Tehran succession

By Hazhir Teimourian

Ayatollah Khomeini, the spiritual head of Iran, appears to have reshaped radically his plans for the national leadership after his death, according to sources in Tehran.

There is speculation in the capital that he has rejected the idea of a single theologian to succeed him, and now favours the election of a council.

Such a move would represent a setback to Ayatollah Husain-Ali Montazeri, who had been named as the designated successor to Ayatollah Khomeini. Over the past year, Ayatollah Montazeri's political influence and moral prestige have suffered major blows with the arrest and execution of his former secretary and right-hand man, Mehdi Hashemi, as a murderer and plotter against the state.

Tehran sources now suggest that while Ayatollah Montazeri might still be expected to be a member of a new council of leadership, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the influential Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, and one or more other clerics would also be brought in. Speculation about the succession was fuelled yesterday after a wrangle developed among Ayatollah Khomeini's top advisers over the secrecy of his testament – effectively, his will for the nation – which he has just altered for the first time in five years.

The question arose of whether the two copies of the new document he had prepared for safe keeping in separate Iranian shrine cities should be ritually sealed in his presence or elsewhere.

The Ayatollah had invited 10 senior officials to his home in northern Tehran to decide how many of them should accompany the documents to the holy cities of Qom and Mashad. After several changes of mind because of the contradictory proposals, it was eventually decided that the 10 should go to the Islamic Majlis (Parliament) – the power-base of Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani – where they would summon an expert to seal the documents.

The authorities played down suggestions that the new testament diverged radically from that handed over to the Assembly of Experts five years ago. It was revealed in 1985 that the assembly had nominated Ayatollah Montazeri as the designated successor.

Yesterday observers noted that he had left the assembly by the time the new discussion got under way. He later met Ayatollah Khomeini "to discuss the affairs of the country", state radio said.

● **BAHRAIN:** The Singapore-flagged tanker Norman Atlantic foundered and sank in the outer Strait of Hormuz around dawn yesterday, the first ship in the Gulf "tanker war" to be sunk or written off after an attack by Iranian gunboats (A Correspondent writes).

The 85,129-tonne vessel, loaded with volatile naphtha when ambushed by up to three gunboats last Sunday, sank at about 5am in 300ft of water off Oman. Gulf shipping officials said she would pose no hazard to navigation. The loss of the tanker was estimated at £16.6 million.

Students bring chaos to Korean campaigns

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

Militant students brought chaos to South Korea's presidential election campaign yesterday, disrupting rallies by the ruling party candidate and besieging opposition party offices.

The students' anger was directed mainly at Mr Roh Tae Woo, of the Democratic Justice Party, the chosen successor to President Chun. Stones were hurled as he addressed an open-air meeting at Kunsan in Cholla province, a stronghold of Mr Kim Dae Jung, of the opposition Party For Peace and Democracy.

Later Mr Roh was forced to cancel an appearance at Chonju, in the same province, when demonstrators threw petrol bombs, slashed loudspeaker cables and scattered tear-gas powder. Riot police dispersed them with tear gas.

In Seoul, students demonstrated to urge Mr Kim Dae Jung and his opposition rival, Mr Kim Young Sam, of the Reunification Democratic Party, to unite and present a single challenger.

Groups gathered outside the two opposition party headquarters and sources said that some students were threatening to commit suicide unless the two Kims settled their differences.

With less than a week to go before polling day, prospects of closing the opposition ranks appear remote. The upshot is a close contest, and adding to the uncertainty is a general belief that at least 20 per cent, and perhaps as many as one-third, of the 25.8 million voters are still undecided. Barring an unexpected late swing to one candidate, the winner is unlikely to gain a real majority.

Gaza violence intensifies

Crack troops sent to quell riots

From Ian Murray, Gaza Town, occupied Gaza Strip

The weary soldier, standing in the smoke of the burning tyres, flagged down the car. "Be careful," he said. "It's a bad day in Gaza."

It was. In a second day of sustained violence, tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition were flying up and down the 25-mile length of the occupied Gaza Strip. Some 20 Palestinians were injured, some by Israeli gunfire, to add to the toll of one dead – some sources say two dead – and 30 injured the previous day.

Anger at what was happening in Gaza spilled over into the occupied West Bank. In Nablus one 20-year-old was shot and killed and eight others injured. At Kalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem, the police fired tear gas to clear a boys' school flying the Palestinian flag, which was being used as a base for stone and bottle throwing. Six policemen and at least 10 boys were injured and the camp was placed under curfew.

Since the beginning of October, 10 Palestinians and two Israelis have died violently in the Gaza Strip. The current troubles are seen by United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency officials as the worst so far in a spiral of mounting violence over the past year. The Israelis appear to agree. They have just sent in crack paratroopers to help the infantry keep order, a sure sign, according to locals, that things are as bad as they can be.

From first light yesterday the acrid stench of burning tyres drifted up from dozens of roadblocks thrown up across roads throughout the towns and camps of the Strip. Children arrived on time at school, but only to protest. Despite the fact that yesterday they were supposed to be taking important exams, they started demonstrations which led on to tear-gas and baton charges by security forces. The schools were shut.

So too were the shops, as merchants kept their metal shutters up to signal their protest. For much of the morning the town was largely deserted, with troops patrolling along roadways littered with burning rubbish, broken stones and scrap metal.

The area round Shiftah Hospital, scene of some of the worst violence on Wednesday, remained blocked off, though visitors were allowed through on foot. Jabaliya camp, where the current state of unrest began, remained under curfew yesterday.

News that a fifth person had died from injuries caused when an Israeli truck collided on Tuesday with two Gaza cars carrying Arab workers, fuelled local resentment. Inside Jabaliya there is certainty that this was a deliberate act of revenge by the driver for the killing of an Israeli in Gaza on Sunday.

According to a senior UN Relief and Welfare Agency official yesterday: "As long as the Israelis don't evolve a policy which goes beyond keeping the people quiet, we are inexorably heading in the direction of increased violence."

Italians allow exiled Queen Mother to return

Queen Marie-José: Return pleases even Communists.

From Roger Boyes
Rome

The Queen Mother of Italy, Marie-José of Savoy, will be allowed to return to the country, ending 40 years of foreign exile, after a precedent-setting decision in Rome yesterday.

President Cossiga, who chaired the Council of State session which gave the go-ahead for the Queen's return, has thus paved the way for a mending of the uneasy relationship between the Italian royal family and the Republic.

Queen Marie-José was the wife of King Umberto II, who reigned briefly after the collapse of fascism in Italy and died in 1983. Umberto and his family had to leave the country when a referendum decided by a 54 per cent majority to abolish the monarchy.

Some descendants of the royal line, notably the Duke of Aosta, continue to live in Italy, though barred from political activity. But the "pretender" to the Italian throne, Victor Emmanuel, the son of Umberto, has been excluded from the country and will remain so even after the ruling.

The Queen Mother was born in 1906 in the Belgian port of Ostend, and is descended from the Saxe-Coburg family. It is expected that she will come back, probably before Christmas, with her grandson. Members of the State Council were disposed to make conditions – for example, that her entry into Italy be strictly as the widow of an Italian citizen and not as a Queen.

Others emphasized that her son must never be allowed to end his exile, as this would be a sign of forgiveness over the monarchy's co-operation in fascist rule.

But even the Communists seem to favour the end of Queen Marie-José's long exile. One of their spokesman, Signor Antonello Trombadori, declared: "It is true that Marie-José was a point of reference for the anti-Fascists. I agree that she should return, even this week, providing that it is not necessary to modify the Constitution." According to a public opinion poll published in a Rome newspaper, 67 per cent of Italians support her return.

An aristocratic charity ball – with everyone invited from the Hapsburgs to the Bourbons – is to be held in the coming week and it is hoped that the Italian Queen Mother will be there. Figuratively speaking, throats are already being slit in the pursuit of invitations.

The Italian taste for the monarchy is not, however, very deeply ingrained. It has been satisfied over the past decades by *paparazzi* excursions to Britain and glimpses of a relaxed Victor Emmanuel on the ski slopes, not suffering unduly in exile.

A shooting incident some years ago – he wounded a German student who was sleeping in a boat near the Italian aristocrat's Corsica home – and his declared sympathy with Signor Licio Gelli, head of the banned P2 freemasons' lodge, have rather tarnished the appeal of installing a new king.

There is no longer a monarchist party. The last one, under the leadership of the shipowner, Achille Lauro, withered away after the anti-royalist referendum.

Monarchists say that King Victor Emmanuel III played an important role in displacing Mussolini, the Fascist dictator, by asking for his resignation in 1943. But most Italians believe that the monarchy was too accommodating to the Fascists.

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Martens loses votes as Belgians shift ground before poll

From Richard Owen, Brussels

From a large hoarding near *The Times* Brussels office the plump, owlish features of Dr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, stare down at passing traffic. Underneath is the word "Yes". Opinion polls increasingly suggest, however, that a large number of Belgians will vote "No" in Sunday's general election — perhaps enough to push Dr Martens out, ending the relatively stable period of coalition politics which followed his rise to power in 1979.

The Flemish magazine *Knack*, defying a law banning opinion polls one month before the vote, this week published figures showing a loss of support for Dr Martens' Christian Democrats and their Liberal allies of the centre-right coalition and suggesting a corresponding rise in support for the two Socialist parties (Dutch and French-speaking), but not enough for them to take office alone.

Belgian bankers and industrialists seem to be taking in their stride the possibility of a coalition including, or even led by, the Socialists.

They argue that the Socialists would not be able to depart radically from the highly successful Martens policy of supporting a mixed economy, introducing Thatcher-style privatization and reducing public borrowing.

Nonetheless, a change of leadership in Brussels would send a tremor of anxiety through the EEC and Nato. Belgium not only belongs to both, it also has symbolic significance as the home of Common Market and Nato institutions. Moreover, Europeans have become used to Dr Martens' "safe pair of hands" during his seven successive coalitions.

A Fleming, Dr Martens, aged 51, is widely respected by both the French-speaking and Flemish communities. It is possible that he may stay in office even in a new coalition line-up, if only because he is one of the few public figures in whom people on both sides of the language divide have confidence.

The election was called after months of manoeuvring over a dispute involving a French-speaking mayor in a Flemish area — Mr José Happart of Les Fourons in Limburg — who consistently refuses to admit that he can speak Dutch (or Flemish). It is a measure of the sensitivity which still surrounds the language issue that this minor incident could cause such disruption in the ruling coalition. "Sometimes it seems as if the language factor unites politicians more than party allegiance," one Belgian commentator said.

Ironically, the language issue, arising from decades of mutual resentment, has not figured as an important election topic. The focus has been on economic issues, but the policies offered by the Socialist leaders — Mr Guy Spitaels of the French-speaking Socialists and Mr Karel van Miert of the Flemish Socialists — do not look all that different from the Martens approach, except for greater emphasis on social spending and reducing unemployment. The swing against Dr Martens may, therefore, be partly based on the boredom factor which eventually afflicts all long-serving leaders in Western democracies.

Dr Martens himself has been less than vigorous in his campaign style this time, almost as if he is not averse to leaving office. Indeed, there is a suggestion that as a respected and convinced European he might wish to succeed M Jacques Delores as President of the European Commission.

Observers predict, however, that Dr Martens could end up *leading an eighth coalition.*

STATE OF THE PARTIES

Belgian political parties.

Christian Democrats: CVP (Flemish), PSC (French speaking); **Liberals:** PVV (Flemish), PRL (French speaking); **Socialists:** SP (Flemish), PS (French speaking). Other parties include the Greens (Agalev), the Flemish nationalist party Volksunie, and the anti-tax party UDRT allied with the French Social Christians (or Christian Democrats).

Seats in Parliament after the last election in October 1985.

Government: Christian Democrats 49, Social Christians (French) Democrats 20, Flemish Liberals 22, French-speaking Liberals 24. Total seats: 115. **Opposition:** French-speaking Socialists 35, Flemish Socialists 32, Volksunie 16, Agalev 4, UDRT 1, others 9. Total seats: 97.

Royal families linked

India's wedding of the decade

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The most glittering wedding of the decade will be celebrated today, between the son and daughter of two of the most famous royal families of India.

In a land which, even low on the social scale, celebrates such events with vast amounts of tinsel and the expenditure of many rupees, the alliance of the royal houses of Kashmir and Gwalior is expected to make such a reverberation that the republican bones of the country's founding fathers will shudder in unison.

The princely states of India used to be graded in a hierarchy defined by the number of guns fired in royal greeting, and the cream were entitled to 21-gun salutes. Only five belonged at this rarefied altitude, including both Kashmir and Gwalior.

In these non-monarchical days, the head of the Kashmir royal family goes under the more democratic style of Dr Karan Singh. The head of the Gwalior royal family is simply Mr Madhavrao Scindia. Dr Singh is a former Minister of Education and of Tourism under the Janata regime. Mr Scindia is Railways Minister in the Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The happy couple are Mr Vikramaditya Singh, aged 23, who has just completed his education at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and who has returned to take up the family business, running the hotel in the former royal palace in Srinagar, and Miss Chitarangada Raje, aged 20, a student at Jesus and Mary College in Delhi.

Since the bride's father foots the bills, the wedding is to be at Gwalior, where the castle and town are in the throes of a massive repainting. A 52-member committee of townsfolk has been formed to ensure that the town looks its best for the occasion.

"People here do not see it as simply the wedding of the maharajah's daughter, but as the wedding of Gwalior city's daughter," said one democrat. "They are coming out spontaneously to do whatever they can for the occasion."

The *barat*, the groom's party, will be limited to 100 and Dr Singh has invited a number of people associated with the rule of his father, Maharajah Hari Singh, including two Pakistanis, one of them the uncle of "Tiger" Patandi, the cricketing prince, and the other Sahebzada Yaqub Khan, the former Foreign Minister.

"When my daughter was married I issued 1,000 invitations and 30,000 people came," said Dr Singh. Mr Scindia is reported to be issuing 50,000 invitations to his daughter's wedding.

The ceremony will take place today, and the celebrations will continue for two further days.

There are only two possible flies in this balm. One is a rule which, because of the drought emergency, limits wedding parties to 100 guests, with a possible 500 for extra-special occasions. But some way will no doubt be found round that.

The other is the attitude of the Queen Mother of Gwalior, who has been carrying on a long feud with her son, and is a leading light in the opposition political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party. The tension is there for all to see, for while the palace has been repainted a glistening white the Rani Mahal, the Queen's Palace, where the dowager Mrs Scindia lives, is untreated.

The Queen Mother attended, although briefly, her granddaughter's engagement party, but the wedding was nearly missed. The BJP called a statewide day of protest against the Government today and it looked as though she would prefer to be out on the streets courting arrest like a good party member.

However, thanks to the intervention of Dr Karan Singh, whose own political interests have been close to the BJP, the protest has been called off, and she now has no excuse for absence.

Soviet apology for air incursion over Japan

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet Union apologized yesterday for the intrusion of one of its Tu 16 Badger bombers into Japanese air space over the southern island of Okinawa, saying the incident was unpremeditated and due to poor weather.

During the incident on Wednesday morning, Japanese fighters fired tracer bullets to warn off the plane.

Mr Yuri Gremitskikh, a spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry, told a news conference: "On December 9, a Soviet aircraft twice violated the air space of Japan in the area of Okinawa. This was unpremeditated and due to difficult meteorological conditions. The Soviet Union expresses its regret about this incident and will take measures to ensure that such incidents do not occur again. The Soviet Union will provide all necessary information to the Japanese side."

● **TOKYO:** The Japanese Foreign Ministry called in the Soviet Ambassador yesterday to deliver a "very strong" protest about the incident (David Watts writes). Japan demanded that those responsible be punished.

Rabuka sworn in to Fiji's Cabinet

Beneath a portrait of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Fiji's former military leader, Brigadier Sitiveni Rabuka — who declared the South Pacific state a republic in October — is sworn in yesterday as Minister of Home Affairs in the new Cabinet named by Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the Prime Minister. Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, left, the former Governor-General who resisted Brigadier Rabuka's coups in May and September but who is now President of Fiji, conducted the swearing-in.

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Senate bar on modern jet sales to Saudis

Washington (Reuter) — The Senate has passed by a voice vote legislation to bar Saudi Arabia from getting the most sophisticated US fighter plane, the F15E.

The legislation was a result of a deal worked out by congressional critics opposed to proposed sales of the plane.

Under the Senate measure, which would have to be approved by the House, Saudi Arabia would be limited to no more than 60 of the older, less sophisticated models of the F15 fighter plane.

Rebels strike

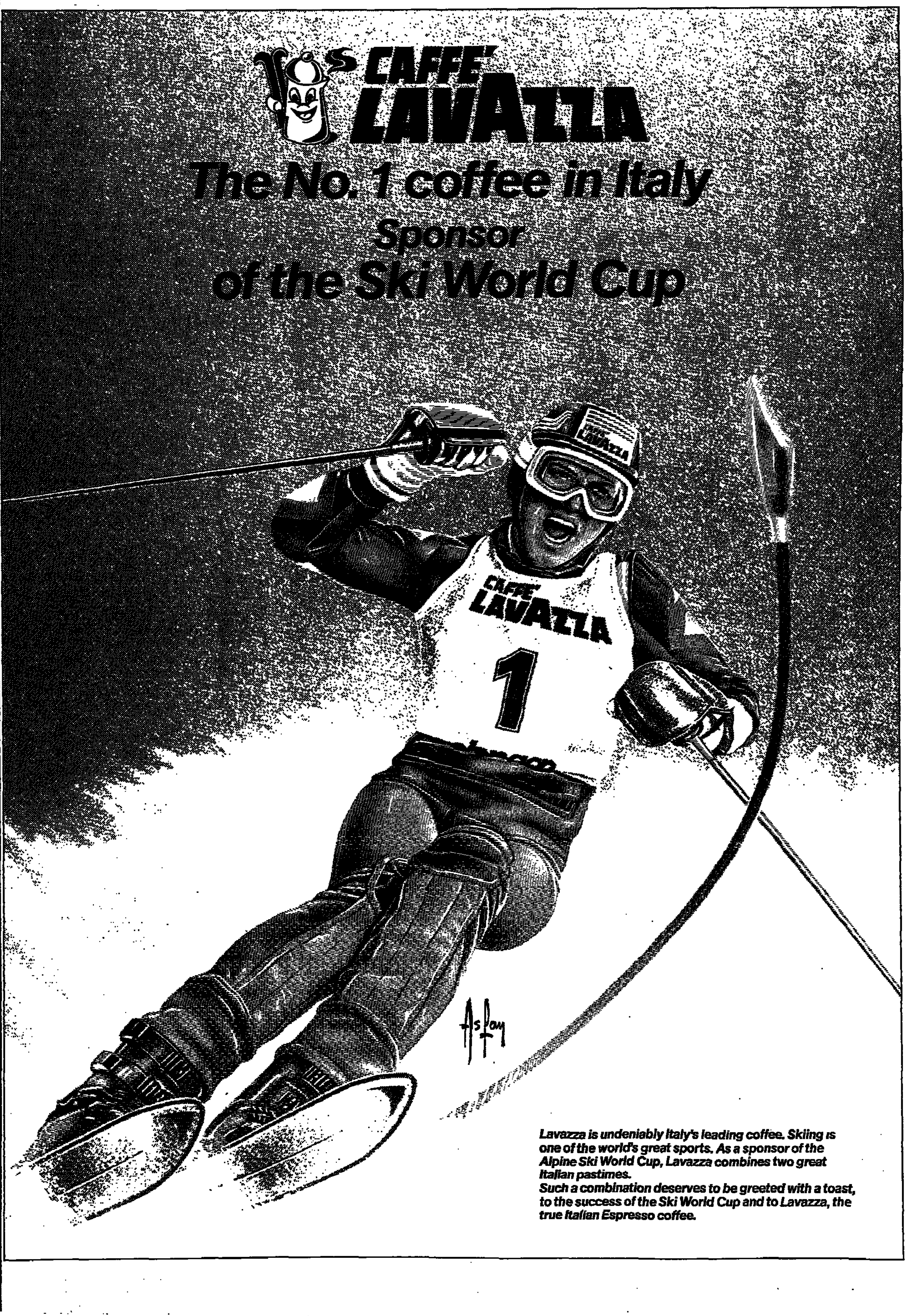
Colombo (Reuter) — Six Sri Lankan policemen were wounded when their vehicles hit a landmine in the east of the island, while in the north Tamil Tiger rebels abducted four officials supervising school examinations.

Smog denial

Athens (Reuter) — The Government denied a report by the Greek Centre for Ecological Studies that 33 people had died in Athens and 604 people had been taken to hospital as a result of smog.

Glasnost wall

Baghdad (Reuter) — President Saddam Hussein has decreed that Iraq's students be provided with a "glasnost wall" to express their views freely.



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SPECTRUM

Within the eye of the storm

It has seen off hurricane-force winds, but will the national grid's nerve centre weather privatization? William Greaves watches it at work

It was 2.30 in the morning of October 16 when the first rumblings of disaster reached the "quiet room" of the Central Electricity Generating Board's National Control Centre on London's South Bank. A 400-megawatt powerline between Southampton and Dungeness had tripped in high winds.

At 4am precisely, with hurricane-force winds battering the South-East, Britain's lifeline — its electric power link with France — was lost. Thus began the most critical six minutes in the history of the 4,800 miles of overhead lines and underground cables which make up the Super Grid.

Two giant Welsh power stations, and the nation's emergency gas turbine stations, were triggered into action; London was being served by just three operational circuits, one of which was 70 per cent overloaded; a 6 per cent voltage reduction was ordered as one in 10 homes in the South-east was cut off; and Tony Malins, the CEGB's national control manager, was racing from his Hertfordshire home to take charge of a crisis.

By 8.30am, the grid link between Kent and Middlesex was restored and at 10am power was being bulk-supplied to every region in Britain.

At a time when the Energy Secretary, Cecil Parkinson, is weighing up a bewilderment of optional routes towards a privatized electricity industry, seldom can an ill wind have blown so much good as that one did for the world's most envied integrated power system. The crisis had given a timely boost to the lobby which believes that, whatever the "carve-up", the grid and the power stations feeding it must stay in the control of one autonomous body.

On one afternoon this week the head and shoulders of that "body". housed in the "quiet room" consisted largely of five men — Malins, John Grundy, national control engineer, assistant control engineers John Livermore and Jim Holmwood, and Tim Lovell, future demand forecaster.

The time was almost 4pm, the day's peak just over an hour away. While his lieutenants gazed into computer monitors, occasionally stabbing control buttons, Malins explained the messages coming from a wall of criss-crossing lines, flickering lights and statistics.

"You can see that the total demand at this moment in England and Wales is 39,320 megawatts and we're supplying 37,350 with the balance of 1,500 from France and 500 from Scotland. Leeds area is exporting 1,892 into Manchester area and 1,830 into Birmingham area. Birmingham, in turn, is pushing 3,940 into St Albans and 1,312 into Bristol. The sky's overcast all over the South — that'll bring demand forward down here — but it's fine in the North . . ."

Unlike any other fuel, electricity cannot be stored in quantity. Only by minute-to-minute balancing of supply and demand can a perilously critical national equilibrium be maintained. The grid system can function only if it has instant control of the transmission network and the supply source — 350 generators at 78 power stations throughout England and Wales.

Juggling between these is complex enough, but each power station has its own place in an economic order of merit, with nuclear, coal-fired and oil-fired stations working out the cheapest — and therefore operating round the clock to provide the basic supply. Fine tuning is supplied by the board's two pumped storage schemes at Dinorwig and Ffestiniog in North Wales, and cheap-to-build but costly-to-run gas turbine generators are held in final reserve for peak winter demand.

All this is further complicated because the prevailing direction of flow through the grid is from the coal-rich North to the more populous South-East. When that flow threatens to become too great Grundy and his team have to order the reduction of cheap power in the North and introduce expensive gas turbine resources in the South.

Nor is the equilibrium assisted by the quirks of human behaviour.

Grundy tapped me on the shoulder and pointed to the frequency graph: the print-out of electricity demand had taken a sudden, violent lurch. "That's *The Young Doctors* just finished on ITV," he said. "The kids have all gone to the lavatory at the same time, causing water and sewerage pumps to switch on, and kettles are going for tea. John will be expecting it — we study the TV schedule every day — and, look, he's steadied it off now. But he's using 450 MW reserve from Dinorwig."

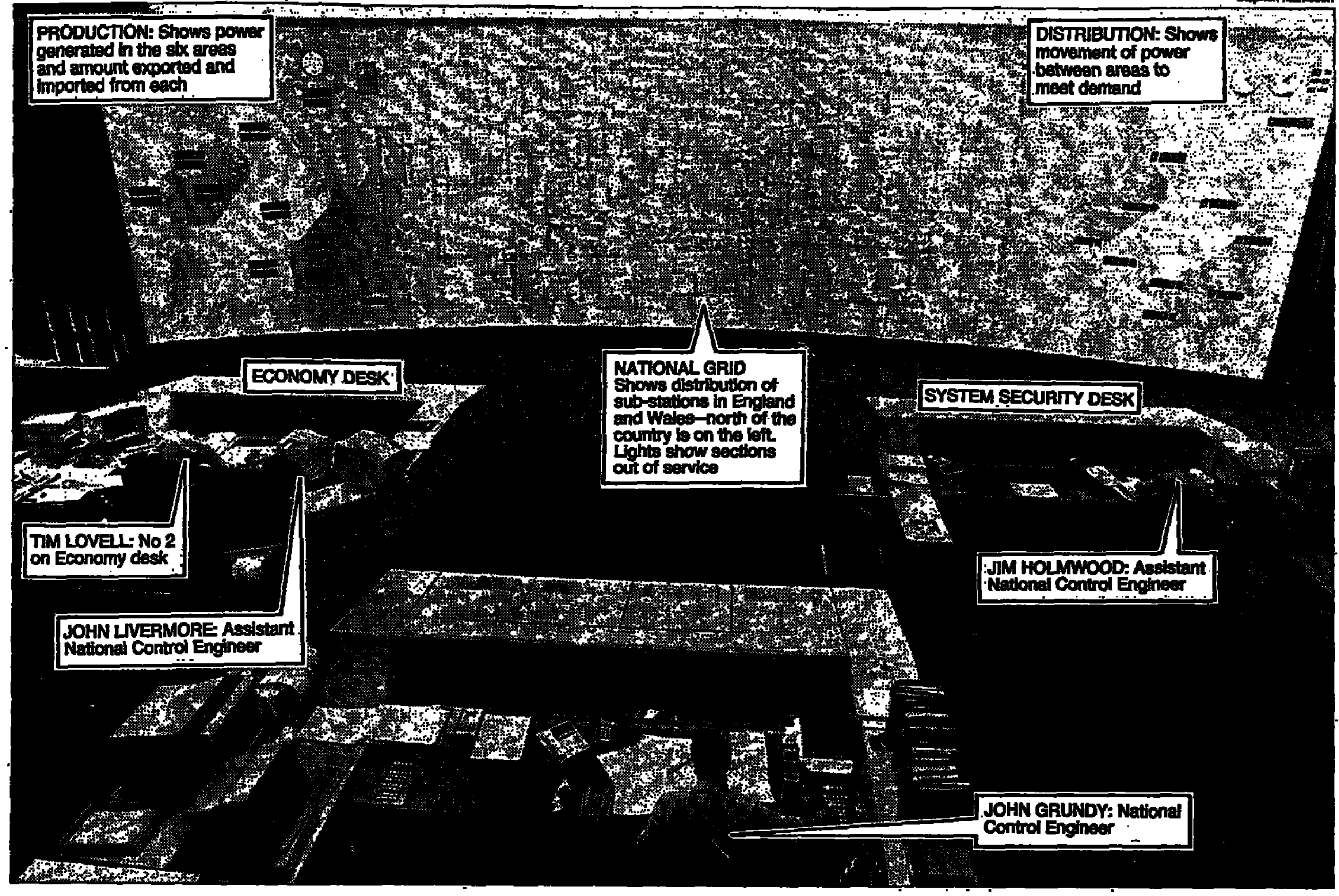
In the few minutes leading up to 5pm — the critical time when industry and commerce is still working flat out and lights and heating going on at home — Grundy anxiously studied his prediction graph and watched the monitor to see how Livermore was getting on with his nightly juggling.

"He's just instructed full load on all conventional plant — that's nuclear, coal and oil — and he's really going for it now. Demand's up to 44,575 and he's up to 1,000 on pump storage. Generation isn't quite fast enough. He's ordered maximum generation on steam — that's five or 10 megawatts above full load on all conventional generators . . ."

Ten minutes later the crisis was over. At the "economy" desk, Livermore pushed his chair back and stretched his arms. "No problems tonight," he said.

But problems continue outside the "quiet room". When the Government decides on its electricity privatization formula, expected to be announced towards the end of this winter, the one agreed certainty is that it will not opt for the kind of one-piece sell-off it chose for British Gas.

But if the 12 area boards responsible for final distribution are independently privatized, who then should control the National Grid? Some say the CEGB; others that it should be co-owned by the area boards; and yet others that it should be maintained as a national institution. And, whatever its ownership, should it continue to have manipulative control of the power stations? Whatever the long-term future, the vicissitudes of this winter, and its TV schedules, will be monitored with unfailing vigilance by the men and women of the "quiet room".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JOHN LIVERMORE: Assistant National Control Engineer
JIM HOLMWOOD: Assistant National Control Engineer
JOHN GRUNDY: National Control Engineer

Stephen Markeson

Power control: the Central Electricity Generating Board's "quiet room" at London's South Bank, where turbines, storms and television shows pose an ever-changing problem

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ZOOLOGY

Every year, millions of parasitic wasps of the genus *Trichogramma* are reared for use in the biological control of insect pests. These wasps lay their own eggs within the eggs of a bewildering array of host species and so help to kill insect pests. It is very important for the *Trichogramma* to lay the correct number of eggs since too many will result in an inadequate food supply and to larval starvation. A recent study (*Science* 237, p903) has shown that parasitic wasps can assess the size of the host egg with great precision and lay just the right number of eggs, even in complete darkness. When a female first walks over the surface of the host egg, she measures the time taken to cross it and adjusts the number of eggs she lays. If part of the host egg is experimentally blocked with a small plastic shield, the time she takes can be reduced — and she lays fewer eggs. If the shield is then removed, the female may continue to walk all over the egg, but her first walk across it has already programmed her clutch size. If her trip takes only half a second she lays one egg; but an eight-second walk produces over 30 eggs. *Andrew London*

PUBLIC OPINION

The sea-change in public opinion on the issue of nationalization which ushered in the Thatcher era may be on the way out, according to a recent finding from a MORI corporate image survey. In the early 1970s, the proportion favourable to more nationalization was 3 per cent greater than those favouring denationalization, and this rose to 7 per cent in 1974, the year of Harold Wilson's return to office. By 1975 however, the public thought the programme had gone too far, and favourability towards nationalization had gone into reverse, with 10 per cent fewer approving than disapproving.

This opposition to nationalization increased throughout the late 1970s, reaching a peak of -21 per cent in 1980. Since then it has been on a steady decline, falling to -7 per cent last year and -4 per cent this year. So the numbers of people favouring more privatization and more nationalization are now roughly equal. *Robert Worcester*

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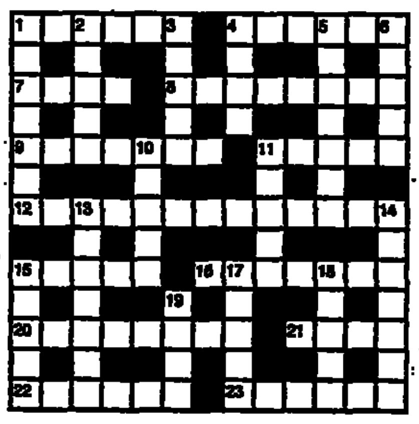

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Cleese: finding the answers in the inner man, and taking on a mission to explain

Seriously funny peculiar?

Tomorrow John Cleese, ringmaster of *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, the man who made *Fawlty Towers* faultless, talks to Bryan Appleyard about The Future: his and other people's. Is Cleese trying to be funny? Or trying not to be funny? These and other Great Questions Of Our Time will be carefully avoided, in favour of something completely different.

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Raising steam

Will the puff of smoke be seen once more along British Rail's tracks?

The axe wielded by Dr Richard Beeching in 1965 closed 700 of Britain's railway stations, superannuated 2,000 miles of track and earned him a life peerage. From those whose communities had been cut off, and from millions of train enthusiasts, it also gave him a permanent place in the halls of infamy.

It seemed at the time that the Beeching cuts were an irreversible *fait accompli*. But were they?

The recommendations of a feasibility study conducted last month into a proposal by the privately owned North Yorkshire Moors Railway to extend its service to the coastal town of Whitby are due before Christmas. If they are in favour, it will be the moment of triumph the conservationists have awaited.

The 18 miles of beautiful track between Pickering and the village of Grosmont, now operated by the NYMR steam trains, were among those closed under the 1965 axe. Last year the company, which employs 32 full-time staff and scores of volunteer enthusiasts, achieved a turnover of more than £1 million.

At Grosmont, the private line joins the British Rail service from Middlesbrough to Whitby. And that is why a "yes" verdict would be historic. If the NYMR pushes its own way into Whitby, not only would steam locomotives once again be operating a daily scheduled service within the BR network — for six months a year — but it would also be the first time that BR has ever shared one of its routes with a private company.

Brian Horner, the 53-year-old chairman of the trust which maintains 21 steam locos on the line, is understandably cautious. "I know that public, and particularly local, opinion wants us to do it, but it has got to be right. After all these years of hard work I will not be responsible for over-stretching ourselves to the point of ruining everything the railway has built up."

His fears are based in part on the enormous costs of bringing at least eight steam locos and 40 coaches up to BR operational standards, and footing the bill for extra signalling and track modification over the seven additional miles.

The two options before the feasibility study group — to let the steam trains use the same track as BR or lay another one alongside — both have snags. Although bridges and tunnels are wide enough for the latter — the line was originally double-tracked — considerable strengthening would be needed and the present track would have to be re-aligned in several places where it has been "skewed" to soften the curves. If only one track is used, complex time-scheduling would be needed, as well as the provision of passing places.

> **'BR are not in the charity business. If they make money out of this they will be for it'**
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British Rail's attitude is by no means obstructive. But Brian Heap, a director of Freeman Fox, the London-based consultant engineers carrying out the study, points out: "If they make money out of this relationship they will be for it, and if they stand to lose money they will be against it. They are not in the charity business."

Whatever the outcome of the study, the NYMR has already proved that nostalgia can pay. Its existing line between Pickering and Grosmont — passing through Goathland and under the surrealistic shadow of the mighty "golf balls" of the Fylingdales early-warning defence establishment — runs at a profit.

The coming weeks will decide whether it is also destined to write a new chapter in modern railway history.

Charles Marshall

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FRIDAY PAGE

Where do we get our values now?

BARBARA AMIEL

Since I never saw the video *How to Become a Lesbian in 35 Minutes*, I can't be sure just how frightful it was. But I'm fairly certain *that* I would not have chosen to show this film, made by Haringey's Lesbian and Gay Development Unit, to an audience of mentally handicapped girls, as Haringey Council did. On the other hand, I did skim the book *Jenny Lives With Eric and Martin*, which ILEA promoted. One of *its photographs* showed little five-year-old Jenny having breakfast in bed with her dad and his male lover. If you saw it, you may have noticed how particularly handsome the two men are, with their shaggy dark hair, well-cut pectoral muscles and no pyjamas. Funny, in a way. I mean, if it had been mummy in bed, a picture revealing her taut thighs under a shortie nightgown would have been considered "sexist".

By now a certain weariness sets in when cataloguing loony-left activities. They are almost universally regarded with distaste, which is why the Labour Party supported the Tory Bill forbidding local authorities to spend money promoting homosexuality. All the same, some of us did feel uneasy at Mrs Thatcher legislating values the schools should teach. If this government can *outlaw the promotion of homosexuality*, could another one of different complexion outlaw heterosexuality, and so on? That's a remote possibility, of course, but one ought not to make laws for Socratic times but rather for those periods when we suffer the most wretched of governments.

Some of us also *have* a dislike of governments legislating opinions – even if they are the ones with which we agree. "I think power has gone to her head," said the caller to the phone-in show on Capital Radio, and I felt my head give a little nod in turn. But, after mulling it over, I disagreed with the caller. I think Mrs Thatcher *has found* a way *to cut* a great Gordian knot that has been strangling this society for a generation.

Over the past 25 years, the hard left has been cleverly ferreting out where the the buttons of real influence are located and, so far as they could, crowding around them. Unerringly, they targeted local government, the education authorities, broadcasting, even the Church, and, having infested them, they naturally proceeded to push the buttons. *Hence the attacks* on the family and the values of liberal democracy.

There were only two ways of fighting back. One was to try to oppose the loonies, but on the whole this wasn't successful. They and their appointees were too entrenched and when it came to local government politics, the hard left simply was better organized.

Mrs Thatcher's brilliance was to circumvent hard-left infestation by simply disconnecting the buttons they controlled, through such things as the proposed poll tax, the Bill outlawing homosexual propoganda, and the Education Act's clause allowing parents to opt out of local authority control. Push the button now – and nothing happens.

Still, Mrs Thatcher sensed a limit to her right to put the nation *back on track, morally* speaking.

That is why she recently scolded the Church of England for *abandoning* its *moral* duties. Her scolding was pretty much echoed by my High Anglican friend in Bishop's Stortford, to whose daughter I am a heathen godmother. "Where do we get our values now that the Church has given up moral leadership?" she grumbled. My *answer* wasn't very inspiring, but I think the problem is that Mrs Thatcher and my friend are wrong on this one. The Church hasn't abandoned moral leadership at all. It is just exerting it in a direction with which some of us disagree. Morality, after all, is simply a system of ethics and beliefs and, I suppose, technically a hedonist is a moralist.

In view of the apparent suicide of Dr Gareth Bennett, it seems like a raw moment to discuss the Church of England. *All the same, its pronouncements* seem to me to show a loony-infestation problem. I'm sure there have always been homosexual clergy in the Church and so long as they were discreet and hardworking they were tolerated. What is different about today's Church is that it now calls not simply for charity *for the sinner* but charity for the sin.

Put this together with the Church's flirtation with unilateral disarmament, its openly Marxist analysis of inner-city *problems, and its new relaxed* approach to divorce (summed up by Dr Runcie's remarkable ability to reconcile his *belief* in the "highest doctrine of marriage as a permanent and lifelong relationship", with the Church's "confident generosity" to those who divorced anyway) and you have the contemporary wet Church. The only way to get those fingers off the button, one feels, is disestablishment, which would remove the official imprimatur from the moral pronouncements of a Church that seems to spend a great deal of time making God relevant to the world rather than the other way around.

But with neither state nor Church any longer the source of our moral instruction, where do we go? Well, education used to give pupils some instruction in values, through history and literature. We learnt that generosity was good and treachery bad from the heroes and villains we met in the common experience and *myths of* our culture. That remains. We can't arrive at a complete consensus, of course, but moral consensus is not always desirable. A free society can't do away with moral dilemmas.

What our society could best do away with are school classes in "values"; better immerse pupils in the culture as it exists in our traditions. *Meanwhile, let* parents retain the prime authority, and if it happens that their views coincide with those of the loony left, let them imbue their children with them. It surely is their right, and even Mrs Thatcher would balk at stamping out freedom in order to make people agree with her. She's disconnected the buttons. There's no need to turn off the electricity as well.

Peter Trievnor

Still in a dancing daze: Sheila Falconer, finding the separation from her husband hard, but loving her work

How to manage a transatlantic marriage

When the pursuit of your career necessitates separation from your husband – and son – is that pursuit really worthwhile?

Most people, says Sheila Falconer, *appreciate that* a man's identity lies in his work, but few seem to appreciate that a woman's might also. "But I've worked since I was 16. I seem to lose a bit of myself if I'm not working," she says and indeed *it is in pursuit* of her career that she finds herself with a lifestyle that others do not hesitate to call odd.

Falconer is a choreographer, *currently* working on the Royal Shakespeare Company production of *The Wizard of Oz*, a labour of love which she describes as "the treat of all treats".

It needs to be. If she were not so deeply involved with Dorothy and *the* Tin Man and the Munchkins, she would be far away in the sunshine and luxury of Beverly Hills, with her husband, Patrick Stewart; he *has recently* settled there, playing the Captain of the Enterprise in the "New Generation" version of *Star Trek*, with her 20-year-old son Dan. On the *other* hand, she would then be away from her daughter Sophie, 14, who is at school here, and of course her career. You see the dilemma.

Not that *she* sees the problems of managing a transatlantic family as much of a dilemma herself. "There's no alternative at the moment," she *says*, nibbling at the morsels of fruit that seem to pass for her lunch. "My contract here was lined up long before Patrick got *Star Trek*. It's achingly awful. And if I were doing trashy work, which I thank God I'm not, I *would be deeply* miserable."

Until a Paramount person decided Patrick should captain the Enterprise, they led a fairly conventional theatrical *life and marriage*. "I think we both suffered three dark nights of the soul wondering if it was the right thing *to do. But it* intrigued him, the script was good and Paramount have been so terrific to him."

Their son Dan is attending college in *California*, studying drama, hence the decision that he should stay with his father. "But Sophie is at a marvellous school here and is deeply *happy*, and I think it would be wrong to move her. For the foreseeable future I'll be based here. I'll go over *and do* Christmas, but then after that I have to come back and do *Bitter Sweet* at Sadler's Wells. We shall have a long holiday together for *Easter*," *she* says. "People do think it's odd, especially the ones out there, they can't think why I don't want to throw everything in and join Patrick."

She has been a choreographer for about as long as she has known her husband; before that she was a dancer, first a classical *one*, dancing in a major company when she was only 16 ("the body was so immature, I had to stuff my bra with stockings. Still doing it actually"), and then in a series of the great musicals, *Pal Joey*, *On The Town*, and *Stop The World, I Want to Get Off*. "I was doing the choreography for *Lock Up Your Daughters* in Bristol in 1960 when I met him; we were married six months later."

She took some time out "just doing odd things" while the children were tiny. They were accustomed even then to the commuter marriage: Stewart was one of the members of the RSC who "ploughed a furrow up and down the A24" between London and Stratford to be with the family at weekends. He has played Shylock, Laertes, Henry IV and "he opened this theatre," she says, embracing the whole of the Barbican with her arms, "in *Henry IV*. He spoke the very first words here." Not quite the background you would expect for running the Enterprise, but he is loving it.

> **'People do think it's odd . . . they can't think why I don't throw everything in and join Patrick'**

And, as he is earning "the sort of money he's never earned before, after all those years of slogging away," they find themselves, when they are together, cast into Hollywood-style life. With a swimming pool – that sort of thing? "*You'd better believe it.*"

She has a great affinity with the Hollywood style anyway, being so wedded to their musicals; indeed the choreography of *The Wizard of Oz*, which opens tomorrow, is based on a progression of Hollywood dance styles: "We go right up to jitterbug. It's *gorgeous*. It's got everything, wonderful music, a great story and of course a lot of sophisticated wit."

Despite the obvious and wholehearted enjoyment of her work, sometimes, she says, she does think: "What am I doing here? And then Patrick reminds me. This is such a wonderful show, and that is so important, but then I get home and I can't tell him about it. *That's the worst bit.*" The times together are great, she says, but the times apart are hard. "It's like having a limb gone."

Did she find that they were on different wavelengths when they did get together again? "No, that was much more the case when I was just a mum and Patrick was working at Stratford and in London. This way we can share our experiences and immediately engage at that level," she says. "*Sophie* knows *that* every spare minute I'm not working we'll be over there; she realizes we chose each other first."

They survive by "taking it a day at a time. We talk on the phone every day. And we're very secure in our love. It's so sustaining. And that's what gets me through the days, really."

The lunch break was over and *she* had to go and join Dorothy and the Tin Man and the Scarecrow. Over the Rainbow, and all that. *Where* troubles melt like lemon drops . . .

Penny Vincenzi

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If you suspected the abuse of a child, would you have the courage to intervene?

Neighbours, not merely bystanders

The report of the independent inquiry, chaired by Louis Blom-Cooper, into the Kimberley Carlile case will be published today. It will probably focus on the shortcomings of the social agencies involved. But what about the people who are well placed to see the bruises and hear the screams of abused children? Why are neighbours, who invariably express so much horror after the event, so reluctant to complain at the time?

Part of the answer may lie in what psychologists call "the bystander approach". One example of this is the reaction of the man on the crowded beach who sees a swimmer in difficulty: he looks around, sees that no one else is responding, and assumes that he is mistaken.

Dr Guy Cumberbatch, a psychologist at Aston University, suggests that if the man was the only person on that beach, "he would realize that it was his responsibility to save the drowning man. In cities where large numbers of people are *living together*, there tends to be an attitude that someone else will deal with any problems."

On the surface, the non-intervention of neighbours in Kimberley's case seems extraordinary. She was living in a *square of low-rise housing* which forms parts of an enormous estate in Kidbrooke, south-east London. As you *walk through, you can hear* a dog bark or a baby cry on the other side of the square.

Most of Kimberley's neighbours are still there, although the woman who tried to raise the alarm with social workers, Mrs Camilla Bacon, has moved on. *The other* neighbours on the estate say that they did not know that Kimberley existed.

Mrs Jean Idle, who lives upstairs, says that she had noticed Pauline Carlile sitting in the garden with three children. "I saw *she* was pregnant with what I thought was her fourth child, and I wondered how she would manage. I had no idea that she actually had four children then and was expecting her fifth."

Neighbours can't understand how they *failed* to hear Kimberley's screams. They guess that she must either have been too weak, or too terrified to cry out.

***Even if neighbours are* prepared to intervene, they have a very natural fear of making fools of themselves if their suspicions are *unjustified*. "There is an ambiguity about the situation from the neighbours' point of view," Dr Cumberbatch says. "Are those real screams, or noise from a horror film? If you don't know the neighbour well enough to ask, then you will assume it is the film."**

He believes that the boundary between being a good, caring neighbour and a bad, interfering neighbour is very fine.

The social agencies certainly think that the public has an important role to play. Jim McHugh of the British Association of Social Workers says: "Surely while we have a statutory obligation, neighbours also have obligations as citizens."

But sometimes when complaints are made, after a good deal *of* soul-searching, they are ignored. Two-year-old Lucy Gates died from burns in 1979 *after being left to sleep* on the floor next to an electric fire. The official inquiry into her death found that neighbours and friends had complained continually that Lucy was at risk, and that the mother was incapable of caring for her properly. Some of these complaints had been made "in vivid and prophetic *terms*". The inquiry recommended that a national study should be undertaken as to why, when *neighbours report* their concerns, the response is inadequate. It didn't happen.

Dr Alan Gilmour, director of the NSPCC, says that the society always has a vast increase in calls from the public whenever a new and horrific case is publicized. He also warns that we should not be misled by the fact that most of the recently publicized cases involved people who relied heavily on the welfare services. "We probably see more child abuse in underprivileged *families* because *those* families are already under observation. But you don't hear the screams so easily from a detached house standing in its own grounds."

Ann Kent

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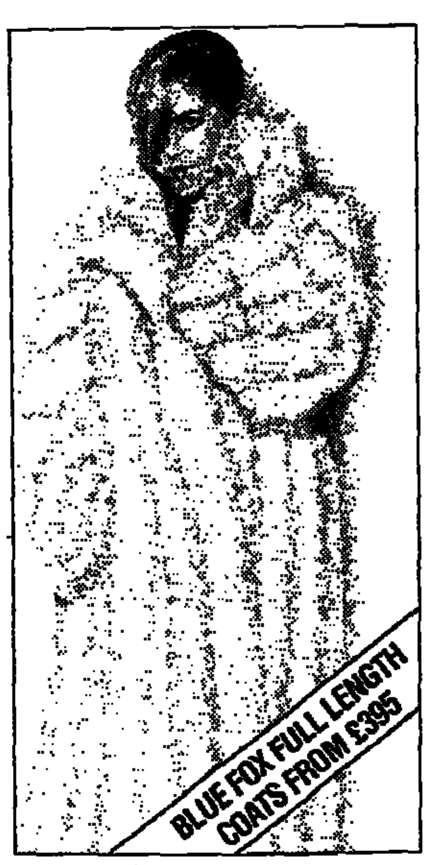

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Ken's table manners

Ken Livingstone's latest wheeze is unlikely to have improved his popularity rating in the Commons. Yesterday's order paper was published late, after the former GLC leader took a belated interest in 104 early-day motions – which allow MPs to raise subjects without taking up debating time – going back to July. He signed EDMs on subjects ranging from shorter summer recesses to a motion on the re-unification of Cyprus. With Her Majesty's Stationery Office already struggling with new technology (PHS December 9), the addition of the extra material so swelled the Votes and Proceedings paper that it had to be produced in two parts. It is not unknown for MPs who have been away to sign batches of EDMs – thus necessitating their reprinting – but Livingstone's motive is unclear. Sir Marcus Fox, of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, remarks: "If he thinks this will gain him credibility in Parliament, he couldn't be more wrong."

● **The governors' choice for student of the year was absent from this week's degree ceremony at Paisley College of Technology. Alan Osborne sent his apologies: he is at the South Pole but should be back in three years.**

Hugh and cry

The withdrawal of last week's edition of Parliament's *House Magazine* at the insistence of its consultative editor, Patrick Cormack, may not be the end of the matter. MPs' and peers' copies were impounded after Cormack, in my source's words, "went ape" over Hugh Stephenson's review of Peter Jenkins' *Mrs Thatcher's Revolution*. The Tory loyalist told me that Stephenson's account of the Westland affair offended against the magazine's obligation to be impartial: "It was flagrantly partisan and in effect repeated the Tam Dalyell allegations." Stephenson, a former *New Statesman* editor and now professor of journalism at City University, was originally surprised but amused when I told him the trouble he had caused. Now he is angry. "I am taking legal advice about suing Cormack for defamation. His remarks are highly damaging to my reputation as an academic," he told me yesterday.

● **French academic life is being ruffled by the public pursuit of newspaper prizes. With many papers running year-end quizzes and *Le Figaro* continuing a long-running picture quiz on the 1960s, Paris public libraries are complaining that competition addicts are ripping whole pages from encyclopaedias and reference books in search of the answers.**

Sheikh-out

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the racehorse-owning son of the ruler of Dubai, has – apparently on a whim – cancelled plans to build Britain's biggest country house this century. More palatial by far than the mock-Tudor plans of the Duke and Duchess of York, the £6 million Palladian mansion near Thetford in Norfolk won planning permission last year. But the sheikh, who five years ago bought the Queen's best filly for more than £1.25 million, lost interest almost immediately and only a few stables have since appeared on the estate. John Price of architects Hunter Price and Dexter-Smith admits he is baffled. "We were never given any explanation. The client just turned round on the second day and said he had decided it was not worth building a house that size in Norfolk." The sheikh's office said yesterday: "He has changed his mind."

BARRY FANTONI

'Play's doubtful. The forecast is umpires'

Popping up

My plea (PHS November 27) for the rousing song Nkosi Sikelele Africa (the best thing about Sir Richard Attenborough's *Cry Freedom*) to be brought out as a single has been rewarded. MCA Records is releasing it under the title "The Funeral" on January 21 and is donating a portion of the proceeds from each sale to Waterford Kamhlaba United World College of Southern Africa and the Canon Collins Educational Trust for Southern Africa. My only sadness *is that it is too late to* challenge Paul McCartney in the Christmas record stakes.

PHS

How Labour should live with the unions

by Robin Oakley

——Political Editor——

A Scottish shipyard worker who wanted to join the Labour Party not long ago was interviewed by his local MP. "Are you a Trotskyist?", he was asked. "No". "A member of Militant Tendency?". "No". "Of the International Marxist Group?". "Never heard of *them*". "Are you a Revolutionary Socialist?". "No".

"Well in that case what makes you want to join the Labour Party?".

It was not just policies which lost Labour the last election. Shadow ministers confess freely now that as much as anything it was image, the distractions provided by the so-called "loony left" and a popular picture of a party under the union thumb.

Labour's inquest into the election defeat has so far concentrated on the all-embracing policy review. Policies which do not pass the test of public acceptability, Neil Kinnock has indicated, will be jettisoned. But just as important as changing those policies is the question of changing the party's image.

And there, the events of last weekend confirmed, Labour has already taken the crucial decision. Even though it was sensitive enough on the question of union domination to keep union leaders under wraps through the whole of the general election it has now decided to become not less of a trade union party but more so.

Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, was quite explicit last Saturday at the "Beating the Blues" conference called to set off the policy review. Labour, he said, "must continue to be a trade union-based party". The constitutional links with the union movement were vital and would not be abolished or changed. Gordon Brown, one of the key thinkers in the Shadow Cabinet, insisted that in seeking to turn Labour into a mass membership party the base must be the near 10 million members of Britain's trade unions.

It is a decision of profound importance. And on the face of it, failing to loosen the union strings looks like a high-risk strategy.

Not only is trade union membership falling but the proportion of unionists voting Labour has also been in decline. Polls have shown that 35 per cent of those who had once been Labour supporters did not vote Labour in June because they said the party was controlled too much by the unions.

It is the fear of the unions and their leaders which has landed Labour with the unwieldy and probably unworkable system of local electoral colleges for the selection and reselection of Labour MPs.

Given that Labour's crucial task is fashioning a party to which Social Democrats feel it safe to return, it seems strange to signal that the union bosses who resisted one man-one vote and alienated the SDP defectors in the first place will continue to have a big hand in running the party. So long as Labour relies on the unions for 90 per cent of its income it will continue to be caricatured as the creature of the unions.

As much as anything else, disenchantment with the public services stems from a feeling that they are run for the convenience of the public sector unions. In an age when even Labour is talking about choice and individuality the old-style union organization looks to many workers more like a threat than a benefit.

But there are counter arguments. While total union membership is falling, the proportion of union members among those at work has not fallen as far. Union membership is now much more reflective of the social profile of the country as a whole. The continental socialist parties who are doing much better than Labour in electoral terms have close union links and far bigger individual memberships than Labour. The unions there have become a force for modernization and the pursuit of excellence rather than for the defence of dying industries. They are not in retreat but have begun to flourish again by concentrating on quality-of-life issues.

The value of the union connection to Labour is that it provides solidity and practicality. It is the counterbalance needed to the constituency party zealots who would otherwise turn Labour into a "vanguardist" party run by and for the activists. NUPE's Tom Sawyer, one of the architects of the new Labour Party, put it succinctly at last weekend's Fabian conference: "Out of Ireland, out of Nato and out of office won't please my members".

One of Labour's failures in the June election was on taxation policy, and it was TUFL (the Trade Unions for Labour Organisation) which kept nagging the campaign committee, unavailingly, not to frighten off the moderately prosperous voters on that front.

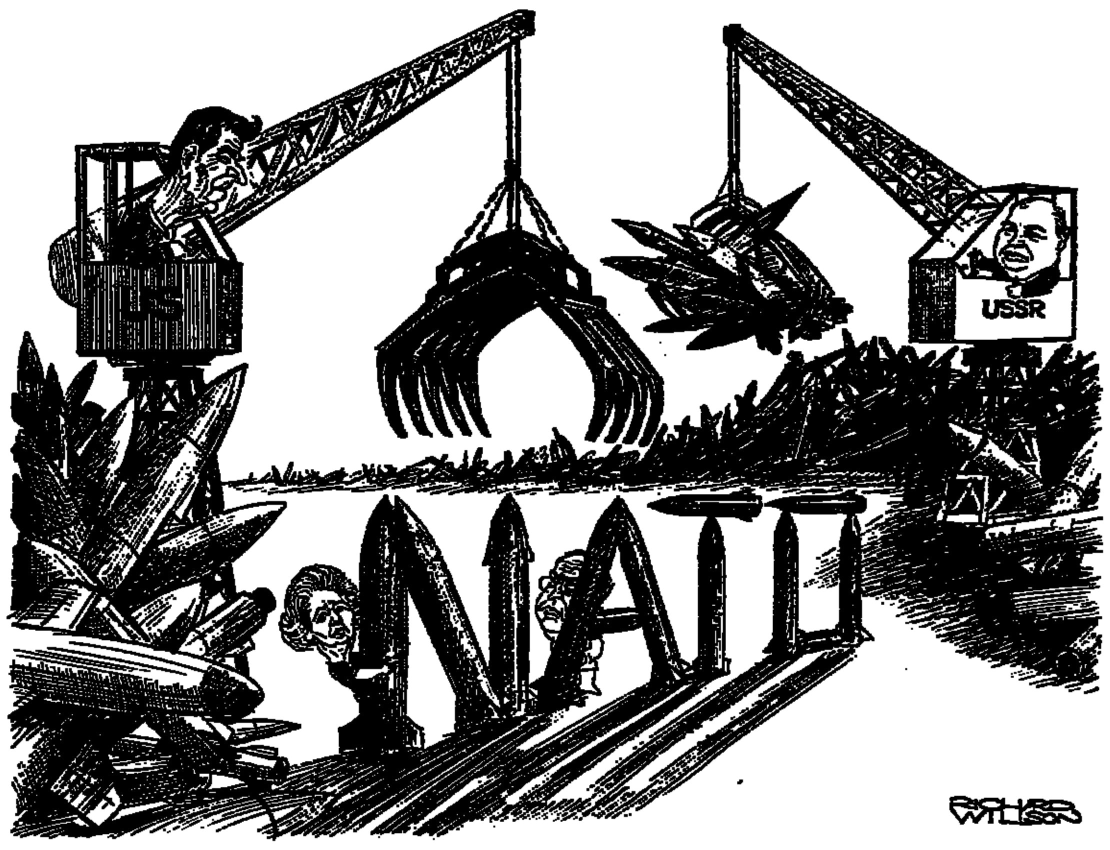
The truth is that Labour probably has little option but to go the union route. To offer a message distinctive from that of the Tories it has decided to remain the party of collectivist provision. It needs a mass membership both to counter the effect of a largely hostile press and to swamp the activists who would otherwise distract attention from its message. A membership of less than 300,000 for a party which attracted ten million votes is pathetic. But unless Labour wins the next election, or comes close to winning, it will move into what could be terminal decline.

The only way to build a mass party in time is to begin enlisting as individual party members the 6-7 million trade unionists who pay the political levy, which is largely used to sustain the Labour Party, even if all are not activitsts.

The West German Social Democrats have nearly a million party members; so do the Swedish Socialists, out of a population of only 8 million. There is no reason why Labour too cannot become a mass party. It requires only the risk of reducing its individual subscription (currently £10.60 a year) to the level of the average union levy and allowing the unions to recruit members directly into the Labour party at their workplaces. And that is a risk which Shadow ministers and party bureaucrats are now close to accepting.

It could prove the crucial factor in the attempt to make Labour more responsive to ordinary voters and less to the activists who have cost it so dear. But there are risks. The first is that the unions themselves fail to modernize and become a drag anchor on reshaping Labour's policies or else fall out of the current pattern of centre/right domination. The other is that embracing the union link maximizes Labour's hold on its traditional vote but actually hinders further advance, inducing a feeling in possible floaters from other parties that "Labour is for the unions, not for me". It could be driven back into its northern fortress rather than winning new votes in the prosperous south. But any party as close to penury as Labour now is does not have that much choice.

Post-summit pitfalls



François Heisbourg sees a danger of the INF treaty leading to further agreements that would undermine Western security – and urges the European partners to reforge their Nato commitment

Ten years on it is hard to remember how great was the trepidation in Europe about the Soviet Union's ominous accumulation of intermediate-range nuclear weapons at the end of the 1970s. The deployment of the three-warhead SS-20s aroused particular misgivings. This is the chief imbalance addressed by the draft INF treaty which has just been signed in Washington, and the elimination of these weapons is its most satisfactory aspect from the West's point of view. It is a significant gain.

This reduction in the Soviet threat has, of course, been bought at a price. The US gives up the Pershing 2s and the ground-based *cruise missiles, weapons which* effectively enhanced the Atlantic Alliance's capabilities. It is renouncing a category of weapons and having to dismantle some 800 missiles and a similar number of warheads; this price is paid in the European theatre only, since the Soviet forces in Asia are to be dismantled "free of charge".

Contrary to some views, however, the INF treaty neither destroys nor significantly damages Nato's policy of flexible response. Nor will it lead automatically to the strategic decoupling of the US from Europe, although it may have an effect on the degree of coupling. It does not transform the East-West military balance, either. Rather, it restores something like the status quo of the mid-1970s, minus a number of Soviet missiles (SS4s, SS5s, SS12s).

Even so, uneasiness prevails in Europe both about the future of the Alliance and about Euro-American relations. The Reykjavik summit left deep scars in Western Europe, because of the extraordinary manner with which life and death issues were dealt without consultation with the European allies. Some aspects of the INF negotiations have continued to fuel such apprehensions.

The piecemeal approach to arms control manifested in the wholesale elimination of the 500-5,000km category of weapons also raises suspicions about the degree of coherence between disarmament measures and an overall vision of security. More generally, Europeans harbour a constant fear of strategic change, perhaps because they have in the past suffered from frequent upheaval leading to war and disaster. It means, however, that people will demonstrate against the deployment of Pershing and cruise and that people – sometimes the same ones – will also fear the consequences of the withdrawal of Pershing and cruise.

There is also a fear of the "slippery slope" among those who believe that after a "first zero" and a "second zero", a "third zero" on short-range nuclear forces will inevitably ensue. Some may argue that these may be desirable or acceptable outcomes; it would, however, be foolish to believe that such a strategic reordering could be managed without a major risk of destabilization.

After the signature of the INF agreement a number of questions needs to be addressed about how the Atlantic Alliance should proceed and what its objectives should be.

One likely area of discussion is reductions in conventional forces. There are major asymmetries between the Alliance and Warsaw Pact forces which need to be redressed, and the Soviets themselves have begun to acknowledge them. If there are to be reductions, however, they must proceed in an orderly way. If one is determined to preserve Euro american coupling, allied forces stationed in Western Europe should not be reduced at a faster rate than non-stationed forces. Nor, in devising formulas for reductions, should there be any question of moral equivalence between allied forces in Western Europe and Soviet forces stationed in Eastern Europe. There is no known Soviet justification for stationing forces in Czechoslovakia other than the need to bring it into line after the Prague Spring of 1968.

Purely symbolic reductions are also best avoided: they will only create the kind of illusions which make adequate defence more difficult without remedying the existing imbalances. If real savings are to be made – and the Soviets possibly want this for the sake of their economic reform programme – and if asymmetries are to be corrected, then deep Soviet force cuts of more than 20 per cent are in order.

It is important that conventional arms reductions be conducted under an overarching concept: e.g., equal ceilings of comparable forces. There is no reason why the Warsaw Pact should have a recognized right to array a larger quantity of defence *materiel* and military units than the Western Alliance.

Finally, the limits of what conventional disarmament can achieve must be kept in mind. A conventional balance is better than a conventional imbalance, but history, as recently as 1940 and 1941, has shown that there is no such thing as a *stable* conventional balance in Europe. Nuclear deterrence in the framework of strategic coupling between the US and Europe and the promotion of East-West co-operation will remain better instruments for securing stability than will any kind of hypothetical conventional stand-off in a denuclearized Europe.

The final, and most risky, area for likely further negotiation is short-range nuclear forces. If there are to be reductions here, two pitfalls must be avoided. One is the so-called "third zero" and its possible successor, the "fourth zero" – the complete elimination of all US short-range nuclear forces, including tactical nuclear artillery and dual capable aircraft. This would not only pose extraordinarily tricky verification problems, but would lead to the possible creation of an area with special status in Central Europe. It could also favour the concentration of conventional forces which today are scattered to avoid the possibility of nuclear retaliation.

It is doubtful whether flexible response and forward defence would be sustainable if these nuclear weapons were completely removed. In particular the removal of tactical nuclear weapons could lead to the departure of the US forces which they are supposed to protect – "no nukes, no troops".

The second pitfall would be to link the reduction or elimination of short-range nuclear weapons to the elimination or reduction of major categories of conventional *materiel* or force units. It may be tempting to negotiate the withdrawal of entire Soviet tank armies against the elimination of Nato's Lance battleground missiles, for example. The risk here really is that of the "slippery slope". If the logic is accepted once, it may have to be accepted twice, leading eventually to the denuclearization of Europe and the establishment of a purely conventional face-off between the two alliances.

In the present economic climate, particularly that in the US, and in the wake of the INF agreement, it will be extremely difficult to convince taxpayers to increase defence spending. All alliance countries will therefore be taking a closer look at "better" defence rather than "more" defence. Most important, from a strategic viewpoint, the handling of possible American force reductions in Europe will test the Alliance's capability for managing change without breaking up in the process. Limited American force reductions can be managed, but they will entail a high degree of mutual consultation and comprehension, as well as a meeting of minds between the French and their integrated allies.

Two initiatives need to be taken if this period of change is to be managed successfully. First, it is time for the Atlantic Alliance to mount a thorough review of its *overall strategy in theory and in* practice, something like the Harmel report compiled almost 20 years ago. The body entrusted with it could be led by a "wise man" during the latter half of 1988. The prospective document should look both at doctrinal issues and at broader security and foreign policy aspects: the deterrence cum flexible response cum forward defence cum detente emphases of the Harmel report gives an indication of the necessary scope.

During the first half of 1989 a debate would be conducted by members of the Atlantic Alliance with the active participation of the new US administration and the new French government. Such a review may be one of the few ways to prevent an uncoordinated, reactive, divided approach to whatever initiatives may be thrown at our governments and our public opinion by a creative and competent leadership in the Soviet Union.

The second set of measures should be taken concurrently: the Europeans should continue to build up the so-called European pillar within the framework of the Atlantic Alliance. Signals must not be sent to Washington which could hasten decoupling and create needless transatlantic tensions. At the same time, however, the American public and the US Congress seem to have greater appreciation for a Europe which is seen to be pulling its own weight than for Europeans who appear to be reacting helter-skelter to whatever initiatives they are faced with by either of the superpowers.

It should be possible to establish specifically European forms of action which would reinforce the Alliance. Strengthening Europe does not necessarily entail weakening the Atlantic Alliance: just the opposite.

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John Rae

Liberals under a false label

The word "liberal" has become a term of abuse in contemporary Britain. Its reputation has been declining for many years and it is now often used without explanation to indicate not a virtue but a vice. The decline will continue unless we take steps to rescue it. The damage was done partly by licence masquerading as liberalism in the Sixties and partly over a longer period by the hypocrisy of the liberal elitists.

Liberal elitism does not refer to membership of a political party. There have been liberal elitists in all political parties and in none. This peculiarly English figure, so well disposed to those less fortunate than himself, so resolute in defence of his own privileges, has flourished since the turn of the century and only in recent years has appeared to be in danger of extinction.

He was educated at one of the better known public schools and at Oxford or Cambridge, where he read classics or history or some other civilizing course. Because he regarded himself as superior to his fellow countrymen, in intelligence and in breeding, he believed it was right, indeed his duty, to tell them how they should conduct their lives. From his elite position – in Parliament, in the church, in the ivory tower – he preached liberal sentiments, but seldom had to live with the consequences of the policies he advocated.

The harm done to the concept of liberalism by these elitists can be illustrated by an event in the early 1970s. A large number of Asians were expelled from East Africa. The government of the day decided that they must be allowed to settle in Britain. It was a perfect opportunity for the liberal elitists to tell their fellow countrymen how to behave.

A liberal elitist in the Cabinet said he was sure that the British people would welcome the Asians "with their traditional tolerance". Other liberal elitists invited Asian families to stay for a week or two in their episcopal palaces as an example to their less well-educated fellow countrymen.

These liberal elitist gestures did more harm than good. The British people resented being told to be tolerant by a man who would probably not come into contact with a coloured immigrant from one year to the next. He could retreat to the all-white exclusiveness of his St James's club or to his remote country estate, while other people had to practice the tolerance he had foisted upon them.

Nor were the British people impressed by the painless episcopal gestures because it was not the elite who would have to live with the problems of race relations when the Asian guests departed for less gracious surroundings. It was difficult enough for society to accept an unexpected influx of immigrants without adding the resentment caused by the sanctimonious hypocrisy of the liberal elitists.

On this and many other occasions the public pronouncements and painless gestures of the liberal elitist helped to fix in the popular mind the idea that a liberal was an upper class twit with his heart on his sleeve and his stomach replete with roast pheasant.

The damage done to the word liberal in the Sixties was of a different kind. In those heady days, liberal was the label that every trimmer in office wished to acquire. To be a liberal vice-chancellor, headmaster or chief constable was to be in tune with the times. Liberal became associated with permissiveness and with the shallowness of conviction necessary to adapt to every new trend.

Hypocritical, arrogant, permissive, shallow – none of these would have been accepted as a definition of liberal a hundred, even fifty years ago. But the false definitions are so widely accepted that it is difficult to remember what the true definition is. Fortunately, the *Oxford English Dictionary* is there to remind us. To be liberal is to be "free from narrow prejudice; open minded: open to the reception of new ideas or proposals for reform". In political opinions liberal means 'favourable to changes and reform tending in the direction of democracy'.

The key to true liberalism is the open mind. That does not mean a mind blown this way and that by fashion; or a mind that is so open it has no firm convictions at all. The liberal makes up his own mind on the evidence, free from narrow prejudice and from fear of unpopularity. In this sense his opinions are predictable. The idea that his liberalism predisposes him to embrace so-called progressive attitudes is another illustration of the way the word liberal has been hi-jacked, in this case, by the trendy left.

In fact it is quite possible to be liberal and in favour of fox hunting, capital punishment and the nuclear deterrent. What being a liberal does predispose him to do is to defend and strengthen democracy. So he would, for example, oppose attempts to restrict freedom of speech from whichever part of the political spectrum they came.

Not everyone will accept that this is a sufficient definition of the word liberal. But I hope most would agree that the word is urgently in need of rescuing from all the inaccurate overtones it has acquired in recent years. It is time liberal ceased to be a term of abuse.

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however . . . Henry Stanhope

In steppe with the Joneses

I am on holiday in Powys, where I am relieved to find that news of the Washington summit has been greeted with composure. Mid-Wales has accepted the dawn of a new era in relations between the superpowers with equanimity.

The train was late as usual coming down, due (it was said) to a derailment on the carriage sidings outside Euston, a points failure at Wolverhampton and the exigencies of the single-track line from Shrewsbury. (Waiting in the loop at Westbury for the up-train from Welshpool, a silver birch tree etched against the sky on a winter's afternoon, induces a rare sense of timelessness.)

This was on that historic day when the General Secretary of the Soviet Union arrived at RAF Brize Norton to meet our own General Secretary, Mrs Thatcher. But conversation on the train was more of jaw-jaw than war-war. A man from Aberystwyth who was returning from a trip to see the lights was talking of the breakfasts he had eaten in his hotel: "Five kinds of cereal, grapefruit or stewed prunes, followed by sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, fried bread and sautéed potatoes, plenty of toast and marmalade . . . Duw, it was wonderful," he said.

People around here have been used to eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation with the Russians since someone pointed out many years ago that there was nothing between the nearby Breidden Hill and the Ural mountains – which would no doubt be just visible to the sharper eyed among us if only the earth were flat. I have sometimes wondered whether people in the Ural mountains point out to their children that there is nothing between them and the Breidden. I doubt it somehow – but it's a nice thought anyway.

As for Mr Gorbachov, it is quite clear that his name is derived from the Welsh *côr bach* which means little choir. Whether this refers to the stature of the choir or its numerical strength is uncertain – but the concept either way is close to the heart of the principality.

My grandmother, who always considered Lloyd George a dangerous revolutionary, would never have approved of detente. None the less, Mr Gorbachov's policy of *glasnost* has found further common cause in rural Wales, where "transparency" is a fact of life whether one likes it or not.

A group of hippies several years ago set up a flourishing drugs factory in a lonely farmhouse not far from here, perhaps in response to some official call or other to establish cottage industries and rejuvenate the rural economy. No doubt they decided to bury themselves deep in the Welsh countryside in the belief that they would avoid attracting too much public attention.

I could have told them, had they asked me, that the last place anyone should go to if he wants to avoid attracting public notice is rural Wales, where news travels at a speed beyond the wildest dreams of the late Paul Julius Reuter.

A man with a beard and a girl wearing trainers, or vice-versa as the case may be, would stand out among the moorlands of central Wales much as the sight of Great Uncle Bulgaria striding through Oxford Circus in the rush hour.

At one time I thought that *glasnost* was a Cardiganshire village – and for all I know it is. Again, it is clearly derived from the Welsh words *glas nos* (blue night) which is a further indication of the heritage shared, by, say, mid-Wales and Moscow.

If the Russians ever feel under threat from the Welsh, I should point out that the people in this locality have felt under threat themselves ever since a bomb carelessly mislaid by the Luftwaffe fell into a field six miles away in 1940, narrowly missing a sheep belonging to Mr Jones, Ty-coch. Even as I write, the RAF are playing "chicken" among the chimney pots, to remind the Williamses, the Davieses, the Evanses, Thomases and Mrs Ogmore-Pritchard of their obligations to Western defence.

My memories of Welsh defence include a dim recollection of the local Home Guard on parade in the Second World War when the CO wore his forage cap back to front – and of exercises in the allotments when the old and bold from this wonderful country sniped at each other through the bean sticks and behind the crumbling potting sheds of their forefathers, in defence of the realm and their heritage.

With the removal of intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) from the face of the earth, they could now once more come into their own. This is why we are all inclined here to view the future security of the principality with confidence.

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THE JOURNALIST'S WORD

Yesterday, the Law Lords ruled that a journalist's legal right to protect his sources comes second to the responsibility of the police to catch criminals. That, at least, is the effect of their unanimous judgment that Mr Jeremy Warner should identify the person or persons who divulged information to him about "insider dealing" in two City takeovers. The High Court must now decide whether to fine Mr Warner or send him to prison if he still refuses to name names.

This order of priority – catch criminals first, protect sources second – is not, *in itself*, exceptionable. Mr Warner is deemed to possess information which, if it were known to *Department* of Trade and Industry inspectors, and in turn to the police, could enable them to clear up a serious criminal case. At the time of Mr Warner's reports – the first of which appeared in *The Times*, the second in *The Independent* – the whole question of crime in the City was arousing acute public concern. Mr Warner, it could be argued – and was so argued *in the Law Lords' judgment* – was obstructing the course of law.

Yet the integrity of journalists, too, is protected by law. Under the Contempt of Court Act, 1981, a journalist is not obliged to disclose his sources unless the court is satisfied that disclosure is necessary "in the interests of justice, or national security, or for the *prevention of disorder or crime*". The rationale behind the principle that journalists do not divulge their sources is simple: if they do, people will not talk to them and evil which should be exposed will go undetected. The bargain by which journalists obtain their information is simple: the information is given in exchange for non-disclosure. The moment names become known, a trust has been betrayed and the bargain broken.

Here, there is a clear conflict between the interests of the journalist and those of the authorities – even though their ultimate *objective, the exposure of crime with a view to* its prevention in future, may well be the same. Without the initial information, the crime would not come to light in the first place; unless they know the source of the information, however, the authorities may find it difficult to apprehend the culprit.

In their judgment yesterday, the Law Lords said they had satisfied themselves that disclosure was necessary to combat "the whole dishonest web" of suspected insider-dealing. Mr Warner's evidence, they said, was "really needed" by the DTI inspectors to investigate a multi-million pound dealing ring.

Only Lord Oliver represented the concerns of journalists when he admitted to initial misgivings about the case. He indicated that the case should not be seen as giving *carte blanche* to the courts to force disclosure. It *should* not be thought, *he said*, that the journalist's statutory protection could be overcome merely by the authorities swearing an affidavit to the effect that a particular piece of information was required for the prevention of crime.

If Lord Oliver's strictures are taken seriously, and it is to be hoped that they will be, then the case of Mr Warner cannot in itself be regarded as a precedent which renders the Contempt of Court Act as it applies to journalists invalid, even though that is how it will be widely interpreted. It appears that the Law Lords satisfied themselves that, without knowing Mr Warner's sources, a criminal would not be brought to justice and the courts *would be neglecting their duty to uphold* the law. In future cases, it must be hoped, other evidence will be obtainable which will render the disclosure of sources unnecessary. Certainly, it must be open to journalists to argue this in future.

For the time being, however, the strength of a journalist's commitment not to disclose his sources and the quality of protection afforded to him by the law have undoubtedly been diminished. So long as the "need" for the information remains a matter of judicial judgement, the journalist will be in doubt as to *the extent of the confidentiality he can* guarantee to his source. The result will be a regrettable lessening of the campaigning journalist's ability to ferret out the truth. And crimes will flourish unrevealed.

A SECOND-CLASS SETTLEMENT

No amount of legal argument or sophisticated explanation will quiet the anger which has been *aroused by the proposed terms for the* settlement of the Opren drug case in Britain. Eli Lilly, the American manufacturer of the anti-arthritis drug which is accused of having produced so many serious side-effects, is apparently offering to 1,200 alleged British victims a total sum of £2.5 million. This contrasts with gigantic sums which have been paid out to American *claimants, including*, in one case, $6 million.

Are not the British being treated as second-class citizens, and that by a company which no doubt derives enormous profits from its sales here? *What can be said with certainty is that* Eli Lilly has been alert to exploit every defect in English legal arrangements to their advantage. This is legally but not morally justifiable, nor is it first-class public relations. However, human nature being what it is, moral indignation is not enough. A more profitable line of enquiry is to ask what it is about our legal system, contrasted *with that of the United States*, which makes this grotesque disparity of treatment possible.

In the United States, damages in such cases are settled by warm-hearted (sometimes *extravagantly over-generous*) juries, while in Britain they are settled by judges obliged to apply, rationally and fairly, established principles of compensation. Whether, on the whole, the American system conduces to justice is debatable. Newspapers, which have experience of the kind of damages fixed by juries in libel cases in this country, may be disposed *to question whether it does*.

An even more important difference is that in the United States the principle of strict liability prevails in cases like that of Opren. That means that all the plaintiff has to prove is that the damage he has suffered was caused by the drug he has taken. In Britain, he has also to prove that the manufacturers of the drug were guilty of negligence – a necessity that opens the way for the kind of complex and protracted *litigation on which plaintiffs, particularly* when they are old and frail, can be easily dissuaded from embarking.

In this respect, the law now applying here is soon to be changed; it will approximate more *closely to strict liability. In the opinion of* many experts, however, it will still fall short of that target – a target, incidentally, set by the EEC. This is a matter to which Parliament should surely direct its attention.

The most serious of the reasons why plaintiffs in this kind of case do so much better if they happen to be American rather than British probably concerns the method by which American litigation is financed. In the USA, the institution of the "contingency fee" puts costly legal actions within the reach of the poor. Under this system, lawyers are free to undertake themselves the *entire legal costs of a* case and, in return for so doing, to agree with their clients to take a specified proportion of the loot should the case succeed. By this means the dwarf can attack the giant.

The complex and inadequate system of legal aid which prevails here is virtually useless against powerful defendants like Eli Lilly – a fact pathetically illustrated by the miserable deal which British plaintiffs are being offered. *The case for reforming* legal aid is urgent.

One proposal which deserves sympathetic scrutiny comes from Mr Rodger Pannone, who has represented British plaintiffs in their negotiations. He has called for a government-financed disaster fund which could supply the money for the establishment of liability in cases where large numbers of people claim to have been *injured but manifestly lack the* means to pursue that claim. The Government will not and should not be pardoned if it fails to apply itself now to the lessons of the Opren case.

HONG KONG'S NEW DEMOCRATS

A delegation from Hong Kong left Britain yesterday, frustrated and disappointed after what *its nine members* regard as a snub from the British Government. During their visit, the only minister who agreed to see them was Lord Glenarthur, the Foreign Office *minister* responsible for the Crown Colony, and he was prepared to receive only the three members who are also members of Hong Kong's Legislative Council. The delegation found these terms *unacceptable* and the meeting ended soon after it began.

The Foreign Office argues that the delegation, which was led by Mr Martin Lee QC, represents just one of many strands of opinion in Hong Kong and that *ministers cannot* receive all comers. Such a view is not unreasonable. But the concern about Mr Lee's delegation relates less to the way its members were treated in London – though, given Hong Kong's special position, the *matter could have* been more sensitively handled – than to the fact they felt it necessary to come to London at all.

Their view, which they were able to present only informally during their three-day visit, is that Britain and China are quietly arranging for *the key question* of direct elections to the colony's legislature to be shelved, pending the transfer of sovereignty to China in 1997. They argue that this contravenes an undertaking given by the British Government in 1984 and makes *it unlikely* that Hong Kong will ever have a democratically elected government. The Foreign Office denies that such an undertaking was ever given.

Mr Lee and his delegation are convinced that a *survey of* Hong Kong opinion on the subject of direct elections, which followed the publication of a Green Paper last year, was conducted and written up in such a way as to minimize the strength of public support for elections. They believe that the White Paper on Hong Kong's legislative system, due to be published in February, will conclude – erroneously – that there is no demand in Hong Kong for direct elections in 1988.

At very least, their suspicions deserve to be answered. Since the question of direct elections for Hong Kong was mooted in 1984, the Chinese government has repeatedly made known its disapproval. Hong Kong's present system, whereby members of the colony's two governing councils are appointed, suits China very well. For the past century and a half of British rule, it has also appeared to suit Hong Kong. With sovereignty due to be transferred to China *within ten years however, many* Hong Kong residents are justifiably concerned that a system of democratic representation should be in place to safeguard their interests.

That prospect now looks distant. As the sequence of Green and White Papers on Hong Kong's legislative process continues within Hong Kong, in *consultation with the* British Government, China is working on Hong Kong's post-1997 constitution in consultation with a specially constituted committee of "Hong Kong compatriots". The fear of groups like *Mr Lee's is that the Chinese-sponsored* constitution will be ready first and supersede any plans for direct elections.

As Britain has shed its former colonies, a respectable electoral system is something it has usually tried to leave behind – whatever may happen subsequently. At a time when other countries *of the world*, with a less developed democratic tradition than ours, seem increasingly interested in having their power endorsed (however questionably) by the ballot box, it is unfortunate that the people of Hong Kong are not being given the same opportunity to cast their vote.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wider questions raised by preface

From the Chairman of the Catholic Group in General Synod

Sir, The tragic death of Dr Gareth Bennett takes the debate on the authorship of *Crockford's* preface into a new arena. I know that many others shared Dr Bennett's concern. Personally, I regretted the attack on the style of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is an irrelevant aside in a closely argued statement.

It needs to be borne in mind that Dr Bennett considered the Archbishop as a friend and was very fond of him. Though sometimes critical, I have never known him to be anything other than affectionate when talking of the Archbishop. The preface needs to be read with this in mind.

The important question has never been "Who wrote the preface?" but "Is its basic premise correct?" Has the Church of England moved rapidly in one direction so that a large number of its loyal members feel alienated? Dr Bennett was a very moderate man, a loyal Anglican and when first elected to Synod was not identified with the Catholic Group.

That he rapidly became one of its spokesmen reflects a change in the Church rather than a change in him. His evident unease needs to be set alongside the secessions to Rome of two other similarly moderate leaders, Peter Cornwell and John Tinsley.

There can be no doubt that both Anglican traditionalists and Anglican Catholics feel increasingly marginalised. The hard questions do need to be faced. Where is Anglicanism going and where are its doctrinal standards to be found? Additionally, the Church's unity and life is ill served by a system of appointment which does not secure the nomination of the best from all groups in the Church.

Catholics are as loyal to the Church of England as any other group and as capable of being even-handed. It is a little strange that the largest group among the elected members of the House of Clergy should have the smallest representation in the House of Bishops.

Members of the House of Clergy who have received massive support from the parish clergy know they have the confidence of the Church at large. If they are being excluded form leadership, or overlooked, the sufferer in the long term can only be the Church of England itself.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROADHURST,
St Michael's Rectory,
39 Bounds Green Road,
Wood Green, N22.
December 8.

From Mr H. G. Pitt

Sir, In its present troubles it might be wise for the Church of England, before it rushes into any changes, to contemplate those shrewd and beautiful words which open the preface to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer:

> It hath been the wisdom of the Church of England, ever since the first compiling of her Publik Liturgy, to keep the mean between the two extremes, of too much stiffness in refusing, and of too much easiness in admitting any variation from it. For, as on the one side common experience showeth, that where a change hath been made of things advisedly established (no evident necessity so requiring) sundry inconveniences have thereupon ensued; and those *many times more* and greater than the evils, that were intended to be remedied by such change: So on the other side, the particular Forms of Divine worship, and the Rites and Ceremonies appointed to be used therein, being things *in their own* nature indifferent, and alterable, and so acknowledged: it is but reasonable, that upon weighty and important considerations, according to the various exigency of times and occasions, such changes and alterations should be made therein, as to those that are in place of Authority should from time to time seem *either necessary or expedient*.

What is necessary needs also to be expedient if the Church of England is not to be further diminished.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. PITT, Vice Provost,
Worcester College, Oxford.
December 10.

From the Moderator and the General Secretary of the Free Church Federal Council

Sir, Unusual as it is for Church leaders today to comment on the internal problems of other Churches, the Free Churches of this country would wish to associate themselves with Cardinal Basil Hume's letter (December 5) concerning the anonymous *Crockford's* preface.

Relations between the Free Churches and the Church of England are, with the present Archbishop, closer and happier than they have ever been. This is in large measure due to Archbishop *Runcie's* leadership for which we also are grateful.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JOHANSEN-BERG,
Moderator,
DAVID STAPLE,
General Secretary,
The Free Church Federal Council,
27 Tavistock Square, WC1.
December 7.

From the Chaplain of The Queen's College, Oxford

Sir, Your readers might legitimately differ on whether the late Dr Bennett overstepped the mark in his preface to *Crockford's*. It should not have happened, however, that so many figures in the forefront of the Church's life, many of whom had not even read the preface, sprang so quickly into attacks upon him.

The matters he raised are not *those* in response to which the Establishment can afford crude posturing. They deserve instead careful and thorough investigation. There is unfortunately no doubt that Dr Bennett had been deeply wounded by what had been written in the press and said on television, with the result that the Church is now tragically bereft of a good, intelligent and godly servant. There is a lesson here for us all.

Yours etc,
P. J. M. SOUTHWELL,
The Queen's College, Oxford.

From Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, FRS

Sir, May not an anguished layman, distressed to the point of *tears by the appalling events of the* past few days, implore the archbishops, bishops, priests and *laymen* who make up the Synod to remember that we are running up to Christmas? May we not hope *that they will put* an end to their present bickerings and allow us to celebrate the nativity of the Prince of Peace in a spirit of unity and brotherly love, remembering what are the fruits of the spirit, and that by our fruits we shall all infallibly be judged?

Yours etc,
HAILSHAM,
House of Lords.
December 10.

Lawyers at odds

From the Chairman of the British Legal Association

Sir, The Law Society have done it again! Just when it appeared that a note of realism was emanating from Chancery Lane we see that their paper (report, November 30) proposes "mobile caravans and free advice clinics". The big city firms are, of course, not interested in legal aid; the average high street firm and the "pure" legal-aid firm cannot possibly afford to give any more free work. As the report says, some legal-aid solicitors are doing up to 30 per cent free work already.

Who, pray, is going to provide the money to buy the caravan and convert it to an office, *let alone* find the costs of maintaining and even parking it, on normal legal-aid rates of pay, *let alone* on free work? Why should solicitors be expected to work for nothing and, as they *have* very high overheads, at a complete loss? With friends like the Law Society, who needs enemies?

Yours faithfully,
D. DICKINSON (Chairman,
British Legal Association),
7 Starkie Street,
Preston, Lancashire.
December 2.

Far-flung corners

From Mr Cyril Duff

Sir, If the Post Office is right (letters, November 30) and Europe stretches from Greenland *to the Bering Straits, in the USSR*, then I have won an argument with my Portuguese friends but lost it to the *Greenlanders*.

On the coast of Portugal, west of Lisbon, there is an inscription on a monument claiming the point as the most westerly in Europe. As an Irishman I always point out to the Portuguese that the Dingle Peninsula, in Co. Kerry, is to the west of their country. On these occasions I maintain a discreet silence about Iceland, but now it looks as if I shall have to gloss over Greenland too.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL DUFF,
4 Skipworth Road, E9.

Core curriculum

From Mr Michael Alpert

Sir, Recent correspondence about the school curriculum makes me recall my days at a *boys'* grammar school in the late 1940s.

The timetable had 35 periods per week, each of 40 minutes. Games afternoon and one lesson each of PE and religious education took five periods. Of the rest, we had, I remember, five of English, five of French, six of maths, four of a second language (which might be Latin, German or Spanish) or mechanical drawing, three of history, two of geography, three of physics and chemistry and two of art or woodwork.

Could we not have been said to *have* had both a core curriculum and room for extras? We did it all between 9.50 am and 4 pm, with a morning break and an hour for lunch. What is the problem now?

Yours faithfully,
M. ALPERT,
3 Donaldson Road, NW6.
December 1.

Burdens of age

From Mrs Muriel May

Sir, I, too, can testify to the help given by the young of both sexes. I am 83 and walk *with* a stick, and the times I have had doors opened for me, and help in crossing busy roads, are innumerable.

Many of these willing helpers are young people wearing the much maligned jeans, some of them sporting those curious multi-coloured *punk* hair styles, and it has taught me not to prejudge them by their mode of dress or *freakish hair*.

Just one word of criticism. It would be more helpful if shop assistants came and held the door open for me intead of just saying, "Mind the step as you go out". More often than not they give me this reminder, and stand watching me almost cut in two as I cope with a loaded shopping bag, a heavy bag, and my trusty stick!

Yours sincerely,
MURIEL MAY,
2 Burton Close,
North Walsham, Norfolk.
December 2.

Councils' case against poll tax

From the Chairman of the Association of County Councils

Sir, The Secretary of State for the Environment has produced an article on the poll tax (December 4) which must confirm the worst fears of anyone concerned with the future of local government.

Let me deal with just four points. First, it really will not do to argue from the alleged "grotesque orgy" *of a handful of councils that* the efficient working of the vast majority of others' needs to be *impugned*.

Second, the argument that it is a national priority to reduce the degree to which the state "intrudes into people's lives" needs to be handled carefully. It is, of course, a form of intrusion to provide well equipped schools rather than stand back and allow the ceilings to fall in. But the latter is hardly an object of public policy, one hopes.

Indeed, the argument that there is a widespread desire that less ought to be spent on essential public services, from rural primary schools to the London Underground system, is not one which carries much conviction with those of us who, as councillors, are day by day at the receiving end of the public's demands.

Third, it is wholly illogical to argue that because the present rating system needs to be improved, on which there is widespread agreement, "*ergo* the community charge". *People who* do not like catching cold do not necessarily deserve pneumonia. There is nothing in the secretary of state's arguments which alters the inescapable fact that the community charge will transfer financial burdens from the better off to their poorer neighbours.

Finally, what of the argument against the present rating system that it leads to "representation without taxation"? A new constitutional doctrine seems to be *being* advanced: in order to take a part in representative government, a person has to pay taxes. Is that what democracy is now to mean? Are people who are too poor to pay taxes, locally or nationally, no longer to be regarded as full citizens of this country?

That the secretary of state believes his proposals will lead to "stronger local democracy" is something at which those who have actual experience of local democracy can only marvel.

Yours,
JOHN ALLISON, Chairman,
Executive Council,
Association of County Councils,
Eaton House,
66A Eaton Square, SW1.
December 4.

Iranian refugees

From Lord McNair

Sir, The arrest and threatened expulsion of about 20 Iranians in *the Paris region (report, December* 8) must cause grave concern to all who mind about the way we in the *West treat refugees and carry out* our obligations under the 1951 refugee Convention.

Without of course wishing to prejudge any judicial proceedings in the French courts, one would *like answers to the* following questions:

1. Were the arrested Iranians, or were *any of them, enjoying full* refugee status?
2. What is the nature of the "*militant* actions posing a serious threat to public order" of which the Interior Ministry has accused *them*?
3. Where will they be deported to?

These people are described as opponents of the Khomeini regime. Aren't we all?

A refugee can reasonably be expected to take no part in the politics of his host country and to obey its laws. He should not be expected to disinterest himself in the politics of the country from which he has fled.

Yours etc,
McNAIR,
House of Lords.
December 8.

Lyndhurst bypass

From Mr David Scarfe and others

Sir, Recent letters on the Lyndhurst bypass (November 26 and 28) show little concern for the 3,000 inhabitants of the "capital" *of the New Forest. We* have compromised as far as we can. The route now put forward by the verderers is in the nature of a wrecking amendment, cutting the village in two and slicing through our main recreational area, isolating our cricket pitch and cemetery, and encroaching upon our war memorial with a large roundabout.

A House of Lords select committee concluded, on the basis of all the evidence they had heard, including that of the Official Verderer, that the route proposed by Hampshire County Council "is the right route for the bypass and that the Bill should be allowed to proceed". Their lordships, having considered the arguments of legality and precedence, also concluded that "the county council have acted properly in promoting a Bill for the entire bypass scheme in this case".

Claims by the countryside organisations (November 26) that the council's route will cause environmental damage are viewed with scepticism by villagers who know that it runs almost entirely along land disturbed by the abortive start of a bypass in 1930 and over heathland disturbed by past military training and sand extraction.

We also have evidence that the verderers' alternative route would *do considerable* ecological damage.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SCARFE (Chairman,
Lyndhurst Parish Council),
P. A. WYETH (Chairman, Lyndhurst Residents Association),
KEITH BARBER,
Shalford, Bank,
Lyndhurst, Hampshire.
November 29.

X as in Xmas?

From Dr Lionel Dakers

Sir, Once again my wife and I are receiving Christmas cards from those who will persist in signing themselves merely by their Christian names. *I wonder how many* other readers have to endure this guessing game which I find wears rather thin after a while. To receive a card from John can pose problems when the writing is unfamiliar, the postmark smudged or the stamp unfranked.

May I therefore ask to use your columns for expressing our thanks and for reciprocating Christmas greetings to *our steadily growing* list of unidentifiable friends?

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL,
Nicholson House,
Addington Palace,
Croydon, Surrey.
December 5.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 11 1837

On the death of Ferdinand VII of Spain in 1833, his daughter was proclaimed queen instead of the rival claimant to the throne, his brother, Don Carlos. The Carlist War of 1833-40 became a struggle between the ill-led Government troops and their opponents who operated from the mountains in guerrilla fashion

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[CARLISTS FOILED]

PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.

MADRID, Dec. 1.

I had barely time to inform you by yesterday's post of the courier despatched on the 26th ult. by the French embassy to Paris having been robbed and so severely beaten on the road to Arragon, that he could not pick up his despatches from both embassies, the Spanish Government, and private letters, strewed *about, many of which may have* been lost before they were collected by parties sent from the next village (where the courier now lies dangerously ill), and forwarded to Saragossa and Oleron. Much as this incident is to be regretted, it may serve as a salutary lesson to correct, if possible, the idleness and sluggish procrastination of the Spanish Government, which, though the Saragossa road is the only way left open for its communications with France, England, and the rest of Europe, so shamefully neglects to protect itself after repeated warnings – nay sufferings. A British Ambas*sadorial courier, of the name of* St. Martin, was robbed on the same road before the middle of October by 40 Carlist horsemen of all his despatches to both Embassies and the Spanish Ministry, save one small parcel, which he preserved in the following ingenious manner, worth relating:- When first stopped the captain of the troop ordered some of his men aloud to conduct him to the *barranca* (or hollow), where he was *then* detaining a Portuguese commercial courier going to Paris, captured close by *that same night*. St. Martin, who was an old hand and well acquainted with the locality, *made up his mind instantly* what he was to do, to save a small parcel containing Lord Palmerston's private letters to the Ambassador here. Whilst submissively trotting and galloping on with his escort to this Confessionario, or perhaps slaughter-bank, he contrived with great presence of mind to *cut his saddle-bag* open, and to extract the parcel in question unperceived, which he lost no time in whipping under his waistcoat! So far so good; still the precious deposit was not yet safe. *What did he do next?* Why, crossing a deep ravine formed of the bed of a dried-up rivulet, he purposely pitched himself *head* foremost on the ground, pretending to be thrown from his seat by a *stumble of the horse*, concealed his parcel under a bush, and bellowing aloud about his injuries *he had* received by the *fall*, remounted his horse as soon as *consistent* with the trick he had performed, *and on his arrival at* the *barranca* was cleared of his despatches and other valuables, the commander swearing by the beard and mustachios of Don Carlos that he should be shot if he concealed the smallest scrap of paper, a threat he could well afford to laugh at in his own mind. At last he received a passport to proceed to Madrid, and, the Carlists marching in another direction, he returned to the ravine, recovered his parcel at the well-known spot, and arrived safely in the night between the 13th and 14th at Madrid. Mr. Villiers was ill in bed, and passing a sleepless night, and hearing the noise made by the arrival of the courier, he was sadly annoyed to learn the loss of his despatches, but still delighted at the preservation of Lord Palmerston's confidential communications . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Hereford today.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived at Hereford Station this morning in the Royal Train and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Captain Thomas Dunne).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Bulmers Cider Factory and, having been received by the Chairman of Bulmers (Mr Esmond Bulmer), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and with His Royal Highness toured the factory.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later honoured the Chairman with her presence at luncheon at the Company's Head Office.

In the afternoon Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited the Town Hall, escorted by the Mayor of Hereford (Councillor George Bew), and Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards visited the Royal National College for the Blind and were received by the President (the Lord Howard de Walden), the Chairman (Mr Brian Campbell) and the Principal of the College (Mr Lance Marshall).

Her Majesty and his Royal Highness toured the Queen's Building and The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Farnham, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, left Staverton Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this afternoon for France where His Royal Highness attended the Official FEI Dinner and Bureau Meeting at the Grand Salon Opera, Paris.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening opened the Centenary Exhibition of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters at the Mall Galleries, London SW1.

Captain Andrew Johnston was in attendance.

By command of the Queen, the Earl of Arran (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the arrival of The President of the State of Israel and Mrs Herzog and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 10: The Prince of Wales arrived at Port Sunlight Station in the Royal Train this morning.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Rainbow Boats Trust, opened the Monks Ferry Training Centre, Church Street, Birkenhead.

The Prince of Wales subsequently opened the new manufacturing complex of BEOCO Limited, Regent Road, Bootle.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, later attended a meeting with representatives of the Business Opportunities on Merseyside Project at Richmond House, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust and Business in the Community, attended a fund-raising luncheon at Richmond House.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Society of Biophysical Medicine, New Zealand House, 18, Water Street, Liverpool.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Abbeyfield Society, afterwards opened the Abbeyfield (Bootle and Litherland) Society's House, Mitchell Crescent, Litherland, Merseyside.

His Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Rupert Fairfax and Major Christopher Lavender, left Liverpool Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Community Hospital at Heanor Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Her Royal Highness later attended a reception, in aid of the Derbyshire St John Ambulance Appeal, at the Regency Rooms, Ilkeston.

The Princess of Wales this afternoon visited the factory of Royal Crown Derby Porcelain Company Limited, Osmaston Road, Derby, and opened an extension to the Company's museum.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 10: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Corps of Transport, today received Lieutenant-Colonel C.E. McIver, Director of Transport, Movements and Catering, New Zealand Corps of Transport.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, CEWC (Council for Education in World Citizenship), this morning opened the CEWC Christmas Conference at International Students House, Great Portland Street, W1. In the afternoon His Royal Highness, Patron, BLAT (British Life Assurance Trust for Health Education), presented the BLAT Film Trophies at St Bartholomew's Hospital, EC1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at The Worshipful Company of Fan Makers' Livery Banquet at Mansion House, EC4.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 10: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, London, SE26.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Royal National College for the Blind

The Queen, Patron of the Royal National College for the Blind, Hereford, and the Duke of Edinburgh, visited the college yesterday. She was received by Lord Howard de Walden, president, Mr Brian Campbell, chairman, and Mr Lance Marshall, principal, and made a tour of a new teaching block, which she named Queen's Building, and addressed students and staff in the College Hall.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs David Vaughan was christened Vaughan William Walpole, by the Rev Arthur Brown at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-The-Great, West Smithfield, London, on Sunday December 6.

The godparents are Sir Gordon Slynn, Mr Harley Irwin, Mr James Fenwick, Mrs John Chavasse, Mrs James Fairhurst and Mrs Ian Bonas (for whom the Hon Mrs Jenny Macdonald stood proxy).

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Science report

Evolution 'can go backwards'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A scientist has found one of the missing links in the chain of evolution after a 10-year investigation that has been described as an "heroic" study.

The discovery is likely to add to an international dispute that has gone on since 1972 when two Americans published a paper that challenged the accepted view of Darwin's theory of evolution.

The latest research, by Dr Peter Sheldon, rebuffs their ideas, but his work raises fresh controversy because it criticizes a method of examining fossils used by generations of geologists.

More startling, his results also suggest that evolution can take a step backward.

Dr Sheldon's work involved a search of 400 sites in mid-Wales from which he collected 15,000 fossils of trilobites, a family of marine creatures that look like little crabs and and vary in size from six millimetres to 75 centimetres.

Details of each fossil taken from measurements under the microscope were fed into a computer for analysis. The findings are published in the scientific journal, *Nature*,

However, it is the implications they hold for previous ideas of how one species evolved into another over millions of years that will add to the debate on evolution.

The link established by Dr Sheldon, a research fellow of the Royal Society who has a post until the end of the year in the department of geology at Trinity College, Dublin, shows for the first time the gradual change between all successive forms of life.

Earlier scientists were prevented from observing the almost imperceptible changes in evolution because of the rigid method used by them in classifying fossils, Dr Sheldon says.

He uses the same apparatus for his research as hundreds of palaeontologists before him: a hammer and chisel and a microscope.

In 1972, Dr Niles Eldridge and Dr Stephen Jay Gould, the eminent American palaeontologists, argued against the idea of gradual change from one species to another, as put forward by Darwin, asserting that new species appear suddenly and then persist with little or no change.

According to their theory published in 1972, new species originated rapidly in small isolated populations, rather than by the continuous wholesale transformation of whole populations.

The suggestion that evolution can take steps backwards comes from a study by Dr Sheldon of the development of ribs on the skeletons of his fossils. The most primitive of the species had two ribs and the later more advanced types has seven.

But at one period Dr Sheldon discovered the number of ribs went back from five to three, and then later the pattern of evolution was resumed.

Mr Zadok Ben David with some of his "Creatures of Fable" appearing at an exhibition of that name which has just opened at Cartwright Hall in Bradford, West Yorkshire. The concrete animals are precariously balanced, some upside down and on each other's heads. Mr Ben David studied in Jerusalem before coming to Britain in 1974. The exhibition runs until January 31. (Photograph: Joan Russell)

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Staib
and the Hon Mary Kinnaird
The engagment is announced between John, only son of Mr Edward Staib, of Las Palmas, Canary Islands, and the Dowager Countess of Dundonald, of Beau Coin, Jersey, and Mary, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Kinnaird, of Rossie Priory, Perthshire.

Mr J.A. Beer
and Miss L. Larson
The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Edwin J. Beer, of Shenfield, Essex, and Lael, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John W. Larson, of Seattle, United States.

Mr I.A. Blair
and Miss S.A. McGuigan
The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Blair, of Ardgay, Sutherland, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald McGuigan, of Rowledge, Surrey.

Dr T.C.W. Blanning
and Miss N.S. Jones
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr Tom Blanning and the late Mrs Gwendoline Blanning, of Hallatrow, Somerset, and Nicky, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Graham Montague Jones, of Eynsham, Oxford.

Mr G.J.E. Burgess
and Miss L.M. Westbrook
The engagement is announced between Gregory, only son of Mr and Mrs G.R. Burgess, of Cheam, Surrey, and Lucienne Maria, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs V.T. Westbrook, of Poole, Dorset.

Mr C.M. Campbell
and Miss E.A. Menzies
The engagement is announced between Colin Malcolm, eldest son of Mr Malcolm Campbell, of Pollokshields, and Mrs Fiona Campbell, of Whitecraigs, and Elspeth Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Menzies, of Wester Hayston, Kirkintilloch.

Mr A.R. Carson
and Miss K.J.F. Paige
The engagement is announced between Andrew Robert, second son of Mr and Mrs John Carson, of Limpley Stoke, Bath, and Karrena Jane Fleury, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs Nicholas Paige, of Hinton Charterhouse, Bath.

Mr M.J. Cartmel
and Miss J.S. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Colonel and Mrs P.W. Cartmel, of West Byfleet, Surrey, and Susan, eldest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J.S. Cooper, of Poynings, Sussex.

Mr T.E. Cookson
and Miss M.S. Rosie
The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Cookson, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Mairi, only daughter of Professor and Mrs A.M. Rosie, of Helensburgh, Scotland.

Mr N.J.R. Keitley
and Miss J.J.B. Bradsell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Keitley, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Bradsell, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr J.N. Coulthard
and Miss S.G. Gray
The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.L. Coulthard, of The Croft, Houghton, Carlisle, and Shona, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.N. Gray, of New Mills, Brampton, Cumbria.

Mr U. Keller
and Miss M.F. Decker
The engagement is announced between Urs, eldest son of Herr and Frau Max Keller, of Heimberg, Switzerland, and Mary Finley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Victor S. Decker, of Berkeley, California.

Mr M.G. Neales
and Miss C.A. Preston
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr A.A. Neales, of Felton, Bristol, and Mrs P.L. Lakeman, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and Carole, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Preston, of Burnley, Lancashire.

Mr C.H. Scott
and Miss D.M. Cannava
The engagement is announced between Charles Henry, son of Mr K.A. Scott, of Mobberley, Cheshire, and Mrs G.M. Scott, of Southport, Lancashire, and Donna Marie, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs E. Cannava, of Hyde Park, New York, United States.

Mr R.J.K. Short
and Miss K.A. Macpherson
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.T.K. Short, of Ardallie House, Luss, and Katherine, younger daughter of the late Tim and Mouse Macpherson, of The Grange, Walcot, Lincolnshire.

Mr J.M.K. Spurgen
and Miss S.J. Penny
The engagement is announced between Jonathon Mark Kinnaird, son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Spurgen, of St Joseph's, Barbados, and Susan Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R.W. Penny, of Upper Norwood, London.

Mr J.R. Stevenson-Hamilton
and Miss J. Pidden
The engagement is announced between James Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Stevenson-Hamilton, of Fairholm, Lanarkshire, and Joanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Pidden, of Bognor Regis, Sussex.

Mr P.E. Wade
and Miss D.I. Hitchen
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Edwin Wade, of Kemerton, Gloucestershire, and Dorothy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lionel Hitchen, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr N.M. Webb
and Miss P.R. Sutton
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs G. Webb, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Philippa, younger daughter of the late Dennis Sutton and of Mrs Maureen Sutton, of Quorn, Leicestershire.

Dinners

Fan Makers' Company
The Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary Freewoman of the Fan Makers' Company, was the principal guest at the annual livery dinner of the company held last night at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their ladies, was among the speakers. Mr R.A. Pollitt, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. The Hon William Waldegrave, MP, and Mr R. Scott-White, Foreign Warden, also spoke. Among others present were:

The Danish Ambassador and Mrs Dyvig, the Duchess of Beaufort, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Lord and Lady Catto, the Recorder of London and Lady Miskin, the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company and Lady Touche, the Master Cutler in Hallamshire and Mrs Walker, the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol and Mrs Wilcox, the Archdeacon of London and Mrs Cassidy and the Masters of the Coopers' and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Companies and their ladies.

Lord Wigoder, QC
Lord Wigoder, QC, gave a dinner at the House of Lords on Tuesday, December 8, in honour of the Aldgate Ward Club. The principal guest was Mr Brian Thompson, the club president.

Royal Aeronautical Society
Professor J.L. Stollery, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and Mrs Stollery were hosts at the Wilbur and Orville Wright memorial dinner held last night at 4 Hamilton Place, W1, after the memorial lecture and presentation of awards. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Kings Norton, Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, Air Marshal Sir William Richardson, Sir Peter and Lady Masefield, Sir Norman Payne, Admiral Sir John Treacher, Mr and Mrs I R Yates, Professor P A Norman, M and Mme Bignier, M J M Contant, Professor and Mrs Boris Laschka and Herr H Schwabisch.

Anglo-Israel Association
The President of Israel was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association held last night at the Royal Lancaster Hotel. Baroness Elliot of Harwood, president, presided and Lord Wigoder, QC, chairman of the council, also spoke. Among others present were:

The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs Avner, the Duke of Devonshire, the Countess of Avon, the Earl and Countess of Bessborough, Viscount and Viscountess Brentford, Lord and Lady Bottomley, Lord and Lady Cocks of Hartcliffe, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lord Glenamara, CH, and Lady Glenamara, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Joseph, CH, Lady Rothschild, Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton, Lord and Lady Thomas of Swynnerton, Lord Weidenfeld, Lady Wigoder, Mr Michael Alison, MP, and Mrs Alison, Lady Moyra Browne, the Hon Timothy Sainsbury, MP, and Mrs Sainsbury, the Hon Amschel and Mrs Rothschild, the Hon Jacob and Mrs Rothschild, the Hon Simon and Mrs Marks.

Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Sir John and Lady Barnes, Lady Byers, Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg, Sir David and Lady Wolfson, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Lady Rossi, Sir Bernard Ledwidge, Mr C A and Dame Simone Prendergast, Mr C W Squire, Mr S Batiste, MP, and Mrs Batiste, Mrs V Bottomley, MP.

European-Atlantic Group
Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, Chairman of the European-Atlantic Group, presided at a meeting held at the House of Commons yesterday, sponsored by Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP. Dr Gerald Hinteregger, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, and Lord Stewart of Fulham, CH, also spoke. Lord Rippon presided at a dinner held afterwards at the Goring Hotel and Sir Frank Roberts also spoke. Among those present were:

The Yugoslav Ambassador, Judith Countess of Listowel, Lady Rippon, Lord Grantchester, QC, Sir John Osborn and Sir David and Lady Lidderdale.

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OBITUARY

SIR FREDERICK TYMMS

Pioneer of Commonwealth air routes

Sir Frederick Tymms, KCIE, MC, FRAeS, who died on December 9, at the age of 98, was one of the early pioneers of British Empire air routes and of the organization of civil aviation throughout the Commonwealth.

He was a pioneer of astro-navigation, and took part in several early long-distance flights. As a civil servant, he spent a great deal of his working life overseas and was a respected ambassador for British aviation.

Frederick Tymmis was born at Tenby on August 4, 1889. He was educated there and at King's College, London, from where he joined the 4th Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment, in 1915, and saw service on the Western Front. In 1917, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, and was awarded the Military Cross.

In May, 1918, he went with General Sefton Brancker, the Master of Sempill and Sir Henry Fowler on a British mission to the United States to advise on aircraft development and production there.

After the war he accompanied Major H. G. Brackley in an attempt to fly a Handley Page 0/400 bomber from London to Cape Town. They left Cricklewood on January 25, 1920, arrived at Brindisi on February 6, and at Heliopolis, in Egypt, on February 20. Five days later, when flying at 8,000 feet, 200 miles north of Khartoum, the 0/400 developed severe tail flutter and Brackley had to make a hasty forced landing near Atbara. The aircraft was a write-off but the crew were unhurt.

Tymms next joined the Civil Aviation Department of the Air Ministry and, in 1924, was seconded to command the Air Section of the Oxford University Arctic expedition to Spitzbergen. This was equipped with an Avro 504Q float seaplane which carried a Norwegian sledge under the rear fuselage.

In the course of a survey flight from Spitzbergen in August, 1924, the aircraft reached latitude 80 degrees 15 minutes north – the furthest north attained by any aeroplane up to that time. The aircraft was abandoned at Liefde Bay, Spitzbergen, in September, 1924, and rediscovered in 1932, still in tolerable condition except that it had been partly eaten by bears.

In 1925, Freddy Tymms's exceptional qualities as a navigator were further recognised when he was detailed for a projected round-the-world flight in the long-range, single-engine, Fairey Freemantle seaplane, the largest single-engine aeroplane built up to that date.

With Captain R. H. McIntosh as pilot, the plan was to make a stopping flight, east-bound, around the world – but it was forestalled by the first round-the-world flight by two Douglas D-WC aircraft, in 371 flying hours and 175 days, between March and September, 1924.

In 1927, Tymms was appointed Superintendent and Civil Air Traffic Officer (CATO) for the Cairo to Karachi air route. So successful was he that in 1928 he was seconded to the governments of the Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika in East Africa, for air surveys there and on the organization of the Cape to Cairo air route.

He returned to London as chief technical assistant at the Department of Civil Aviation and in 1929, with Squadron Leader E. L. Johnston and Sir Sefton Brancker, was a founding member of, first, the Company, and then the Guild, of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of the British Empire.

Following the loss of Johnston and Brancker in the accident to the airship R101 and the appointment of Sir Francis Shelmerdine as Director of Civil Aviation, Tymms was appointed to succeed Shelmerdine as Director of Civil Aviation in India.

Confronted initially by a very difficult technical and political situation, in which the Indian government refused to allow Imperial Airways to extend their air route beyond Karachi, he brought great tact and diplomacy to his tasks, succeeded in gaining the confidence of all those concerned, and, in due course, the Imperial Airways route through to Australia.

In 1944 he represented the Government of India at the International Civil Aviation Conference in Chicago, later returning to India as Director General of Civil Aviation. From 1947 to 1954 he was UK representative on the ICAO Council in Montreal.

He retired 1955, and in 1957 was elected Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators. In 1960 he was chairman of the Commission of Inquiry on Civil Aviation in the West Indies.

Tymms was a small, quiet, conscientious, immensely well-informed man of absolute integrity and a dry but kindly sense of humour. He never threw his weight about, but methodically got on with whatever job was in hand.

His kindly nature was shown in many ways – including providing for the education and upbringing of the young son of his old friend, the chief navigator of the R101.

ARCHBISHOP GREGORY HLA GYAW

The Most Rev Gregory Hla Gyaw, who died in Rangoon on December 6, at the age of 54, was Primate of the Anglican Province of Burma and Bishop of Rangoon.

He was born into a Christian family of the Karen ethnic minority group, and the son of a clergyman. He had originally wanted to be a doctor, but, as he explained: "The Lord thought I'd be a bad doctor so I became a teacher instead." But from teaching he went to Holy Cross Theological College, Rangoon, to train for the priesthood, and was ordianed in 1971.

After only two years as parish priest and chaplain to the Missions to Seamen in the busy port of Rangoon, he was consecrated Bishop of the South East Diocese of Pa'an. Burma expelled all foreign missionaries in 1967, and only a tiny percentage of the population claim Christianity as their faith.

Gyaw's ministry was characterised by deep pastoral concern in a church desperately short of clergy. He trekked along leech-infested tracks to visit every parish in the diocese, often taking a month to cover all congregations in one parish.

In 1979 he was elected Archbishop of Burma. Proud of his native culture, he took a strong lead in making the church a vehicle of authentic Burmese Christianity, encouraging gongs to be used in worship and insisting on Christians mixing with non-Christians. He wanted the church to be self sufficient both in people and money, and he encouraged the training of priests and lay people as well as tithing.

His patience and saintliness did much to cement good relations between church and state, especially in his role as President of the Burma Council of Churches, exercising great political tact in his dealings with the authorities. He was also active in the wider Anglican Communion, and by the time of his death he was presiding over a growing and much enlivened church.

In this country, through the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the missionary society, he enjoyed many friendships, particularly in the diocese of Winchester, which has close links with Burma.

He leaves his widow, Joan, and their four children.

MR MICHAEL HORNBY

Mr Michael Hornby, Vice-Chairman of W. H. Smith & Son, Ltd., from 1944 to 1965, died on December 7, at the age of 88.

Though himself totally devoid of personal ambition, he nevertheless played an influential role at W. H. Smith, both during the war, and for twenty years afterwards.

From Winchester he went to Sandhurst where he won the Sword of Honour, and served with the Grenadier Guards in France in 1917 and 1918. After spending the years 1919 to 1921 at New College, Oxford, he joined W. H. Smith, becoming a director in 1924.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he joined up again, in his old regiment, and held staff appointments.

But his value to the company was seen to be of greater value than his contribution as a soldier could be, at that time of his life. The distribution of newspapers was considered by the Government to be a particularly important matter in wartime, and Smith's chairman, Viscount Hambleden, asked for Hornby's release. Thereafter, the two men worked in harness for the rest of the war.

When it was over, Hornby helped build up the expansion of the company's wholesale business, which, until the 1960s, accounted for a larger share of W. H. Smith's operations than the retail side.

He was good at picking the right men to run things. He had the art of encouraging young people, and, by the same token, expected good of them. He had a brilliant intellect, and there was much about him of the talented amateur. His old-world courtesy towards those with whom he dealt, led business colleagues to regard him as "an endangered species" in the modern ethos of cut and thrust.

His interests outside business were legion and included music – he was a fine pianist – poetry, his garden at Pusey House, and foxhunting.

In his work on the Craft Advisory Committee of the Goldsmiths' Company, of which he was Prime Warden in 1954-5, he played a major role in encouraging a new wave of silversmiths, frequently travelling abroad to widen his own experience.

He leaves his widow, Nicolette Joan, two sons, one of whom is Chairman of W. H. Smith, and a daughter.

Sir William Lindsay Lindsay-Hogg, 3rd Bt, died on December 7, at the age of 57.

He was formerly managing director and chairman of Roebuck Air Charter, Ltd. He was also an hereditary Cavaliere d'Italia.

Lord Greville – Ronald Charles Fulke Greville, 4th Baron – died on December 9. He was 75.

Memorial service

Lady Compton
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Compton was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church. Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated. Sir Edmund Compton, husband, read the lesson and Lord O'Brien of Lothbury gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Anthony Compton (son), Mr and Mrs A J Henderson, Mr and Mrs C L Turner, Mr and Mrs N S Tresilian and Major the Hon Philip and Mrs Sidney (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss Nicola-Jane Henderson, Miss Fiona Henderson, Miss Caroline Turner, Katie Turner, John Turner, Elizabeth Turner and Arabella Tresilian (grandchildren), Mrs R Buckston and Miss V T Williams (sisters), Major and Mrs M H S Ayshford Sanford.

Viscount De L'Isle, VC, and Viscountess De L'Isle, Lady O'Brien of Lothbury, Lady Adeane, Lord Faringdon, Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Erskine of Rerrick, the Hon Mrs Michael Benson, Sir Michael Milne Watson, Sir Andrew and Lady Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, Sir David Pitblado, Lady Rowan, Lady Flett, Dame Unity Lister, Sir Edward and Lady Playfair, Sir Arnold France, Sir Antony Part, Professor Sir David Smithers (Royal Marsden Hospital) with Professor Jack Boag, Dr J S Macdonald, Mr David Levinson, Miss E M Christmas, Miss P M Cunningham, Mrs A de Rola Adams, the Rev David Brown, Mr J A McKinna, Mrs Hobart Moore and Mrs Oliver Jayne.

Mr Richard Wheeler-Bennett (Marie Curie Memorial Foundation) with the Hon Donald Kershaw and Miss Joan Gough Thomas; Mr John Plant (Brompton Hospital), Miss K Wells (Kensington and Chelsea British Red Cross Society also representing the Patron of the London branch) with Miss M Showell-Westby and Miss Hanel Hughes; Mrs John Walters (Smith and Williamson), Mr D McKean (Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Church), Mrs R W Woods, Mr A J Rawlinson, Mr and Mrs M P Henderson, Dr C B Cameron, Miss Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, Miss Diana Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, Mrs Charles Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, Mrs James Musker, Mrs N Padfield, Miss E Tucker, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Christopher Sands, Mrs J Crocker, Mrs L Jaques-Smith and representatives of the Cheyne Centre.

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Abell, former Colonial administrator, 81; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred Earle, 80; Lord Elliott of Morpeth, 67; Professor Sir Robert Grieve, town and regional planner, 77; Sir Kenneth MacMillan, choreographer, 58; Mr Cliff Michelmore, broadcaster and television producer, 68; Miss Christina Onassis, shipping magnate, 37; Mr D.E. Plowright, chairman, Granada Television, 57; Mr Carlo Ponti, film producer, 74; Mr Patrick Reyntiens, glass painter, 62; Sir Francis Sandilands, former chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 74; Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, author, 69; Miss S.A. Spencer, general secretary, National Council for Civil Liberties, 35; Mrs Sheila Walker, former chief commissioner, Girl Guides Association, 70; Mr C.F.J. Younger, brewer, 79.

European League for Economic Co-operation

Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, Chairman of the British Section of the European League for Economic Co-operation, presided at a conference held yesterday at Barclays Bank, 54 Lombard Street, EC3, on the completion of the internal market. The other speakers were Mr John Quinton, Lord Cockfield, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, and Mr Christopher Prout, MEP, Chairman of the European Democratic Group.

Jesus College Cambridge

Jesus College, Cambridge is anxious to bring up to date its records of its members. Old members who have not been in communication with the college recently or who did not receive a copy of this year's annual report, are invited to write to the Keeper of the Records, Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8BL.

Wheelwrights' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Wheelwrights' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr E J Macey; Upper Warden, Mr J B Lumsden; Renter Warden, Mr C B Davis.

Service dinner

Empire Test Pilots School
Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall was the guest of honour and presented the McKenna Trophy to Lieutenant S.N. Hargreaves, RN, at the graduation dinner of the Empire Test Pilots School held last night at Boscombe Down. Wing Commander J.W.A. Bolton, Officer Commanding, presided.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will preside at honorary degree ceremonies in Guildford Cathedral at 4.10.

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Waffle, Watson

TELEVISION

More certainly does not mean better on television. Alas, in *The Case of Sherlock Holmes* (BBC2) more did not even mean much more. This was a *40 Minutes* special, so special in fact that it lasted 70 minutes; but its most remarkable achievement was to spend so long telling us so little about such an interesting cultural phenomenon.

A brilliant narrative device contributed to the enormous success of Conan Doyle's stories about the great detective. As H.R.F. Keating points out in his more economically informative article in the *Radio Times*, the use of Watson both enabled Holmes to keep most of his deductions to himself and gave the reader a feeling of intellectual superiority over the narrator.

A less than brilliant narrative device, however, contributed to the limitations of *The Case of Sherlock Holmes* — though it certainly gave the viewer a feeling of intellectual superiority. This was to have Tim Pigott-Smith in the role of a bemused investigator of the case.

Pigott-Smith is an excellent actor who has played both Holmes and Watson. He also has some interesting things to say about both of them (also about the attempt by police to photograph an image of Jack the Ripper on the retina of his victims) — but again these are to be found in the *Radio Times*. In the programme, however, he was lumbered with not only the clichéd accoutrements of gumshoe mac and boffin computer, but with a script of waffling banality which posingly repeated the obvious before quaintly being prompted into agit-prop by a Holmes lookalike competition in deprived Liverpool.

The film tried various tacks. As though inspired by a film-school primer on structuralism, it first essayed "deconstruction" — with some *brio*, but little of the measured subtlety of *Bookmark*'s excellent dismantling of the Crusoe myth. Then we were entertained more conventionally by clips and Holmes eccentrics — who cried out for an interventionist ironist such as Alan Whicker, rather than the more passive Pigott-Smith.

Andrew Hislop

Solving a three-way whodunnit

Crime writer
Lesley Grant-Adamson
quizzes Ruth Rendell
about Barbara Vine and
Inspector Wexford

Long ago, in another incarnation, a publisher pressed a couple of books upon me, saying his author deserved to be better known but was shy of publicity. The interview turned out badly. Ruth Rendell and I talked at cross purposes and the photographer, as uncomfortable a presence as a parrot on my shoulder, sneezed and wheezed at the most inopportune moments. Much of what she said never reached me.

It was a shame because those two novels forced me to unravel my prejudice against crime writing, which then I had assumed to be an inferior form of fiction, dependent either on descriptions of violence or on cunning puzzles. Ruth Rendell writes about the ripple-effect of tragedy, going beyond observation of character to understanding. She is one of our most accomplished novelists, adept at the tricks of her trade and inventing new ones.

This week her 26th novel, *Talking To Strange Men*, was published in paperback. A week ago *A Fatal Inversion* won a Gold Dagger from the Crime Writers' Association for the best crime novel of the year. Strictly, it was awarded to Barbara Vine.

With all those novels, and several collections of short stories, since the first Inspector Wexford whodunnit in 1964, Rendell's readers felt they had the measure of her. Wexford and his colleague, Burden, would surely continue to grapple with the murderous population of Kingsmarkham, and alternating with those books would come the suspense stories in which damaged personalities fell headlong to their doom.

But then she became Barbara Vine and began to use a different voice, tell a different kind of story in a different way. Critics suggest Vine is subtler, less black. Rendell defines the difference like this: "In the suspense stories there's a deliberate violation of the law. The characters do things by accident or are overcome by a dreadful temptation or obsession. The Vine books are less violent and they lack the frightening qualities of the suspense books. I've noticed I use more women in the Vines." Barbara Vine is a serious challenger to Ruth Rendell. Last year Vine's *A Dark Adapted Eye* was shortlisted for the Gold Dagger award, beaten to it by Ruth Rendell's *Live Flesh*, and went on to win the American equivalent, an Edgar. But Vine has some catching up to do: Rendell's earlier awards include a Gold Dagger for *A Demon In My View* and the genre fiction prize, awarded by the Arts Council National Book Awards Scheme, for *Lake of Darkness*.

Although Inspector Wexford has never appeared among the winners, there is no plan to pension him off. A new Kingsmarkham novel and an omnibus will be out next year. Police procedurals are her most popular books. "People like the puzzles and the familiar characters," she says. "Also I don't terrify them with those stories. This isn't because the plots are less frightening but because Wexford is there, protecting everybody. He's very paternalistic."

At what stage does she know whether she will hand an idea over to Miss Vine or report it to the Inspector or keep it to herself? "It isn't a question of deciding," she says; "the ideas come to me as ideas for one kind of book or another."

But which does she most enjoy writing? "I don't enjoy the Wexfords as much." I suggest they have become a duty. There is the slightest pause before she says: "Yes."

The challenges of the traditional whodunnit could never satisfy a writer so fascinated with the technicalities of writing, even if the average reader is unaware of the intelligent selection of viewpoint, the ease with which she shunts her stories backwards and forwards in time, or the stealthy way she adjusts our sympathies.

"I used to think I was bad at construction," she says, "but I feel I've got better. *A Fatal Inversion* has the most complex structure I've ever done but not the most complex I will ever do. I like to be adventurous and find new ways of writing."

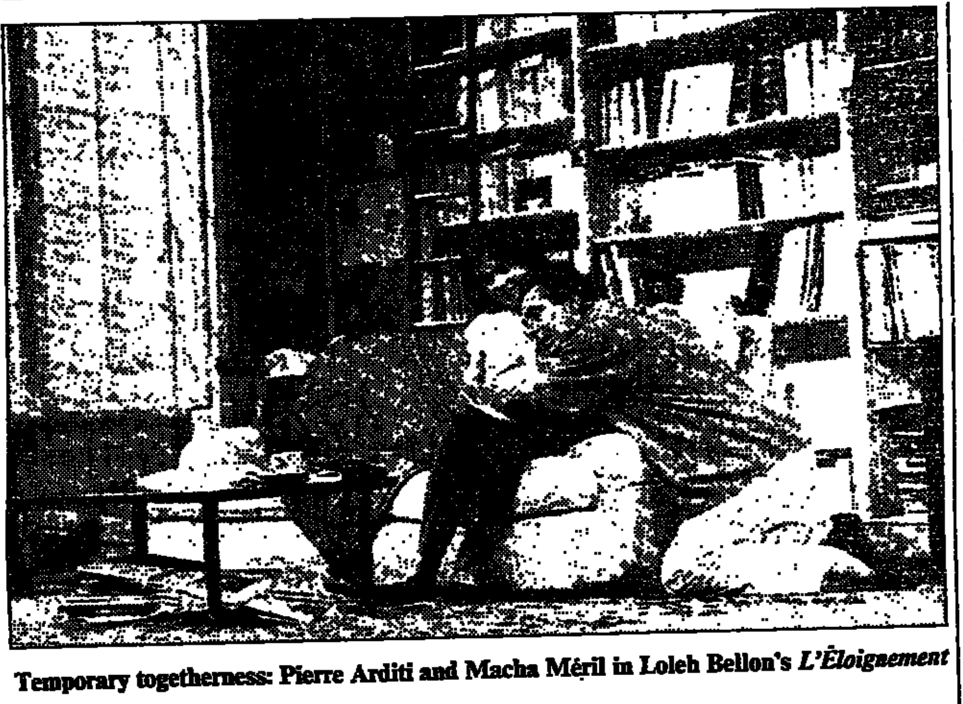
She herself reads good modern novelists and the Victorians, but she is not a keen reader of crime. Remembering something from years ago, I ask whether Barbara Vine (her middle name and a family surname) might not have been a bid to shrug off the crime label. She denies it, adding that she does not feel she writes crime novels anyway. And adding after that: "Except for the Inspector Wexford stories."

Long may the three of her flourish.

A Fatal Inversion *by Barbara Vine is published in hardback by Viking.* Talking To Strange Men *by Ruth Rendell is published in paperback by Arrow.*

Stephen Markeson

Split personality: Ruth Rendell — "the Vine books are less violent than the suspense books"



Temporary togetherness: Pierre Arditi and Macha Méril in Loleh Bellon's *L'Éloignement*

Centuries apart

LMP/Glover
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Just in case you had forgotten, the format in the London Mozart Players' new series "Music of Two Decades" is to raise the curtain with a perky lesser-known symphony of the 1780s and match it, after the interval, with one from the 1980s.

So last night Michael Haydn, Josef's little brother, found himself facing David Matthews and, thanks to the stylish playing of the LMP, the meeting was a happy one.

The little Symphony in D, with its tiny mirror-image phrases and shooting sequences, was nicely complemented by Matthews's Op 29 Serenade. Written in 1982, this typically well-made, easily digestible work is formed, satisfyingly, of arches within an arch.

The two outer movements, beginning and ending very much high in the air of the Alde marshes, are both palindromic: the fact that they go into reverse once the mid-point is reached gives us the chance to relish to the full Matthews's delicate mix and match sonorities.

The evening's centre-piece is customarily a Mozart piano concerto: its final send-off a Haydn Symphony. Yesterday it was the K453 G Major Concerto, played by Cristina Ortiz. Her performance, to be kind, was cool, sweet-toned, articulate: to be more specific, lustreless and lacking in anything but the most superficial of interpretative insight.

The ear was drawn, time and again, to the orchestral accompaniment, and it certainly redressed the balance. Jane Glover and her excellent leader, Luigi de Filippi, had between them perfected the finest violin line with which to unlock the work. The second violin theme glanced off the lower sustained strings as each phrase was tapered to let the wood-wind gleam through: there is more for them than normally meets the ear.

Ortiz was at her best in the even, round-toned articulation of the final Presto. But it was a smileless affair. The same could hardly be said of Haydn's Symphony No 89, which both metaphorically and, at times, literally, chuckled its way into life in the opening Vivace, and whose Menuet provided some delightful flights of fancy for the flute of Philippa Davies.

The Finale, with its muscular *strascinando* bowing, stomped its way home with considerable panache.

Hilary Finch

Songs of praise

CONCERTS

Gothic Voices
Wigmore Hall

Time is passing more quickly in the Middle Ages these days than in our own period. One might have some difficulty in deciding whether an unfamiliar Berio piece, say, was written in the 1960s or in the 1980s, but there could be no mistaking a Machaut performance by the Early Music Consort, who introduced many of us to this repertory 20 years ago, for one by Gothic Voices, currently one of the most prized medieval ensembles.

Gone are the crumhorns, kortholts and dulcians of David Munrow's instrumentarium: one hears only the suave concourse of voices (just one song out of 18 last night was discreetly accompanied by a harp).

This style of intimate vocal polyphony certainly suits the songs of Dufay and other 15th-century composers, since by that period these contrapuntal lines were more equal in interest and the harmony smoother in its flow. I am not sure it always works so well in 14th-century music. For instance, in the very beautiful "Quando la stella", by a Florentine, Giovanni, the upper part is deliciously florid, while the lower one plods, and presenting it as a duet for tenors made it seem like a contest between beauty and truth.

Perhaps the intention was to use a style suited to the 1420s for music composed up to a century before, since Christopher Page, the ensemble's director and front-man, reminded us that Machaut's songs were still being sung in Italy 50 years after the composer's death.

That was a point well made, and the concluding performance of Machaut's "Rose, liz, printemps, verdure" exemplified all the qualities that distinguished Gothic Voices: the long, sure lines, the handling of even the trickiest ornament with calm perfection, the justness and clarity of balance; in sum, the understanding of how these songs function as works of art from an age of accomplishment.

Paul Griffiths

Odd mismatch

The Cape Orchard
Young Vic Studio

The history of South Africa to the year 2005; the vicissitudes of a Cape fruit-and-wine growing concern; the five-year Calvary of a middle-aged, not so successful South African actress in English reps; the saga of an adopted daughter with a white mentality inside a black skin.

If all this sounds like the contents of a high-brow airport blockbuster, that is not quite fair. Michael Picardie's South African fable shows considerable intelligence and a wide, speculative vision. But all the same, what results is a curious mismatch of Chekhov and a latter-day South African *Gone With The Wind*.

The Chekhov play in question is, of course, *The Cherry Orchard*. It is 1995 and Leonie de Villiers, a liberal white actress, returns to her farm after five years to find it no longer a going concern. The unchekhovian twists are that the family nanny, Dianne (played with raw, strident aggression by Claire Benedict), has become a union leader and Leonie's adopted black daughter Valma, attempting to maintain the farm in capitalist ownership, goes around with a Kalashnikov.

The only character who stands for compromise, or peaceful change, is Jan Pieterse, an ex-teacher turned businessman who helps manage the farm in his spare time. Jan, in Norman Beaton's subtle, charming, vulnerable performance, is by far the play's richest, most genuinely Chekhovian figure. For him the answer lies in the past, the string linking man and nature which existed in the Cape before the Europeans broke it. There is also a richness in his relationships, a warmth expressed through irony.

But the truth is that this ambitious attempt to graft Chekhov on to a history of South Africa fails to take. In the end I was reminded, most uncharitably, not so much of *The Cherry Orchard* as of Treplyov's noble but doomed experimental drama in *The Seagull*.

Harry Eyres

Comic ease

THEATRE

L'Éloignement
Gaîté Montparnasse

An author's emotional hangover the morning after the first night of his new play is the dramatic peg on to which Loleh Bellon adroitly hangs her own new, shading-into-black comedy *L'Éloignement* (*Distancing*). Well-crafted according to the traditional recipe, the plot is credible, has a good beginning which leads into an alternating high and low-tensioned middle, and draws to an intelligent, suspended end. The natural dialogue is nourishing, with a good seasoning of acerbic wit. Bernard Murat's succinct, evenly paced direction boasts no artificial additives, and he is well served by a strong cast headed by Pierre Arditi as the playwright (Charles) and Macha Méril as his wife (Denise).

The play opens as Charles, still recoiling from the failure of a previous play, emerges from a grizzly social hibernation in search of the warming assurance that his newly opened play is a success. Denise is his emotional sponge, ever ready to mop up his anguish, allowing her own life to be subjugated to his irrational, infantile outbursts.

Correctly measured, humorous doses of the world outside regularly pierce this egocentric relationship. A neighbour (Gilles Gaston-Dreyfus) asking a neighbourly favour is boxed about the ears with blazing invective. The irony is still in the fire when Michel, the director of Charles's play (commendably played by Jean Benguigui), arrives and also receives an erudite tongue lashing.

Le Monde, because it comes out at midday, is the only French daily that manages to carry next-day reviews, and the unexpected arrival of an advance copy containing a rave review transforms Charles into an affable hero, who loves the world and his wife. The bringer of the good tidings is a shambolically zany, but nevertheless believable radio journalist (Sylvie Flepp), who justifies conducting an interview without knowing the first thing about Charles or his play with the riposte: "Me, I don't review, I inform."

With the swiftness of grains of sand falling through an hourglass, we watch the relentless distancing of Charles and Denise. Charles's self-centred elation, his perpetual game of love and take, finally eclipses the feelings of his wife and daughter (Catherine Ferrière). Gently, the last grain slips away into time, and Charles finds himself alone with his success.

Bellon writes with a photographic flair, capturing *la vie quotidienne*, adjusting the focus so that it is more compact than reality. There is an easiness about the dialogue that belies its clever construction, and how satisfyingly it spells out the unseen parts that go to make up this entertainingly rounded play.

Now in her sixties, Bellon began her highly successful theatrical career 40 years ago as an actress. *L'Éloignement* is her fifth play, and it sees a further polishing of her sensitive, but never flabby, exploration of human relationships, observed with compassion and recounted for the theatre with an articulate passion.

Diana Hill

BBC SO/Inbal
Festival Hall/Radio 3

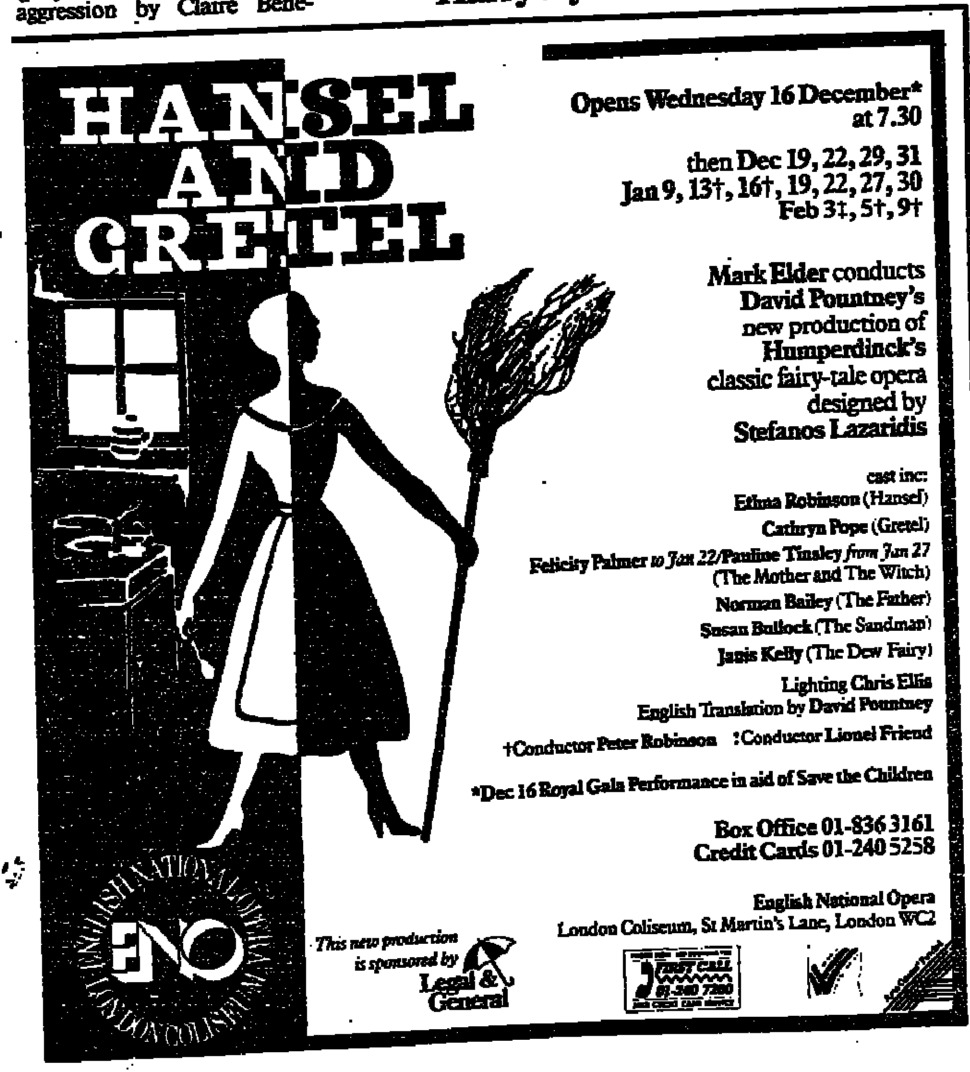
A change of conductor to Eliahu Inbal for the Royal Philharmonic Society's concert meant the chance to hear Bruckner's Third Symphony in its original form, which Inbal was recently the first to record for the gramophone since the score was published a decade ago. Of the three existing versions, this is the longest, but even at just over 51 minutes, it does not feel in the least over-extended.

This is mainly because, in words used by Dr Robert Simpson in his programme note, Bruckner's first thoughts were both "calmer and more dignified" than they became in most of the revisions he was persuaded to make. His ideas are still sometimes naive in character, including the long acknowledged devotion to Wagner by way of quotation or imitation, but the collage effect of sudden contrasts of texture is not nearly so clumsy.

Indeed, the splendid breadth and sonority the BBC Symphony Orchestra brought to the performance, even in this hall's acoustic, added to the conductor's firm control over the symphonic proportions, with momentum being constantly related to dynamics. The more stately progress of the second movement adagio in this form now rivals equivalent later movements, and if there was still some sense of Bruckner casting about for the best way to reach his final grand peroration, its arrival was majestically achieved.

Only time and further performances will confirm whether this is now to be preferred to Bruckner's later changes, but the assurance with which the orchestral playing responded to its boldness and its serenity was a powerful factor in its favour. The conductor's evident conviction gave it poetry as well as purpose.

Noël Goodwin



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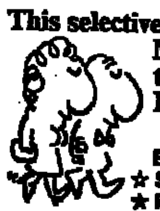

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LONDON

☆ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £6.50-£17.50.

☆ **BETWEEN EAST AND WEST:** Sheila Allen and John Woodvine play two Czech dissidents facing the freedom of the US.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage N1 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Previews until Dec 15, 8-10.15pm. First night Dec 16 7-9.15pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £6-£7.

☆ **THE CAPE ORCHARD:** A South African fable looking at the next hundred years; performed by Foco Novo.
Young Vic Studio, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, £5.

☆ **CINDERELLA:** Traditional version with Suzi Quatro as the Prince, Beejaye a black Cinderella and Paul J Medford (ex-Kelvin from *EastEnders*) as Buttons.
Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, NW1 (01-388 1394). Tube: Euston. Mon-Sat 2.30-5pm, (not Dec 14), 7-9.30pm, £6, children £4.

☆ **DREAMS OF SAN FRANCISCO:** Five-woman play by Jacqueline Holborough, set to confirm the high promise of last year's *Garden Girls*.
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Tues-Sun 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **J J FARR:** *Albert Finney and* Bob Peck in new Ronald Harwood drama about a priest emerging from five months captivity as a hostage.
Phoenix Theatre, *Charing Cross* Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: *Tottenham Court Road.* Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.10pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ **LOVE'S A LUXURY:** A farce for Christmas performed by Orange Tree regulars.
Orange Tree Theatre, Kew Road, Richmond (01-940 3633). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4.30pm (not Dec 12), £2.50-£5.

★ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **PETER PAN:** Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and Lulu flying us off to Never-Never-Land.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm, £6.50-£14.50. (half-price for children until Dec 23).

☆ **SEPARATION:** David Suchet and Saskia Reeves as playwright and actress in Tom Kempinski's two-hander, transferred from Hampstead.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Theatre. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm; Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm & 8.45-11pm, £4-£13.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ ***The Business Of Murder:*** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **High Society:** Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834 1317). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ☆ **Nunsense:** Fortune Theatre (01-836 2238). . . ☆ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

STRATFORD: ☆ **Measure For Measure:** New production with Josette Simon as Isabella.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623), tonight 7.30pm, £3.50-£17.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **New Inn:** Ben Jonson's exploration of the nature and honour of true love. Directed by John Caird, with music by Guy Woolfenden.
Swan Theatre (0789 295623), tonight 7.30pm, £3-£13.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
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BEST SELLER (18): Police thriller with a wobbly plot but impressive performances from Brian Dennehy (as the cop plagued by an unsolved case) and James Woods (a cold-blooded mystery man). Directed by John Flynn; with Victoria Tennant (95 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.50, 11.45.

BIG FOOT AND THE HENDERSONS (PG): A suburban family return from camping with hairy terrestrial. Tired variation on *E.T.* from Steben Spielberg's company. With John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon; directed by William Dear.
Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.30, 11.15.

■ **INNER SPACE (PG):** Imaginative comic fantasy from the Spielberg factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10, 11.20.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.10, 5.35, 8.10, 11.15.

■ **JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG):** Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about Provençal life in the 1920s; with Yves Montand and Daniel Auteuil as villagers at loggerheads with Gérard Depardieu over a plot of land. Claude Berri directs (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.20, 4.45, 7.10, 9.35.

LITTLE DORRIT (U): Worthy and painstaking Dickens adaptation in two three-hour parts with newcomer Sarah Pickering as the daughter born in a debtor's prison. Derek Jacobi as the troubled hero, and a lengthy cast of notables. Written, edited, designed and directed by Christine Edzard.
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs part one: Fri, Sat, Tue, Thurs 2.30, Fri, Mon, Wed 7.30. Part two: Mon, Wed 2.30, Sat, Sun, Tue, Thurs 7.30.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills over-looking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-449 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **MAURICE (15):** Set before the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love
(140 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 9.00.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45, 11.50.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY (PG): Two soldiers, battered by the First World War, come to terms with their problems in a remote Yorkshire village. Directed by Pat O'Connor, with Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and Natasha Richardson (104 min).
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 3.40, 5.20, 7.10, 9.10, 11.15.
≡ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.05, 9.05.

■ **ROXANNE (PG):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love (107 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.20, 8.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.15, 5.00, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 5.10, 8.10, 11.20.
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≡ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45.

WISH YOU WERE HERE (15): David Leland's poignant comedy about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a drab seaside town. Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd.
Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.30.

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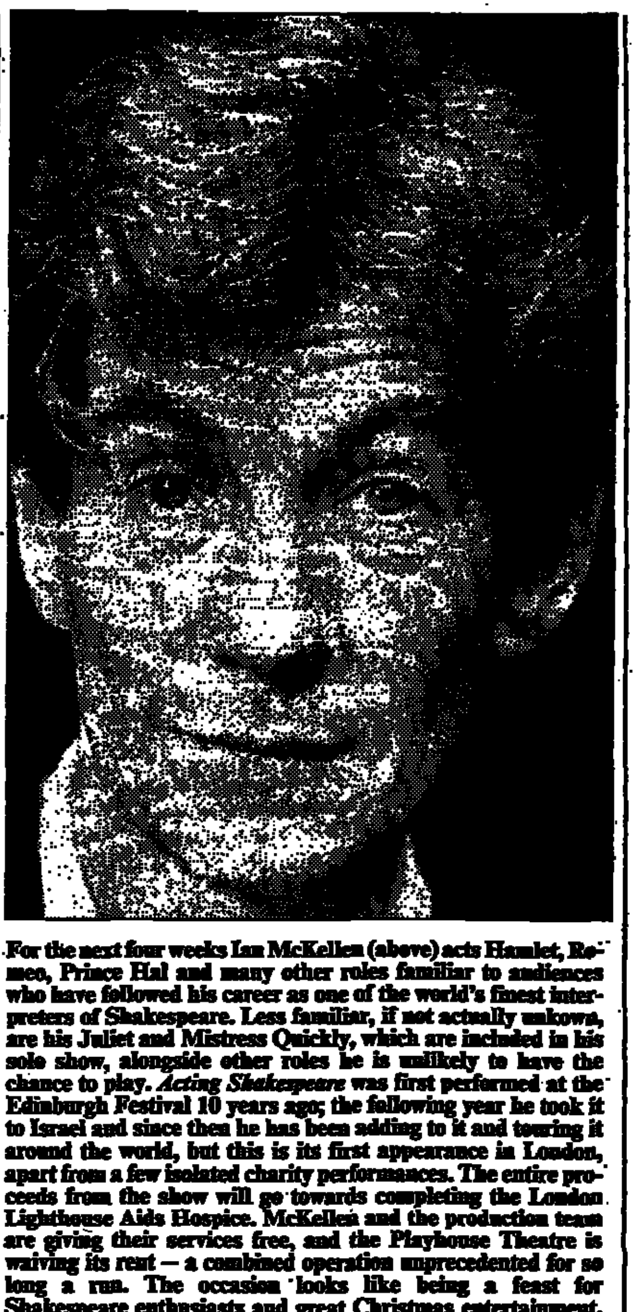

For the next four weeks Ian McKellen (above) acts Hamlet, Romeo, Prince Hal and many other roles familiar to audiences who have followed his career as one of the world's finest interpreters of Shakespeare. Less familiar, if not actually unkown, are his Juliet and Mistress Quickly, which are included in his sole show, alongside other roles he is unlikely to have the chance to play. *Acting Shakespeare* was first performed at the Edinburgh Festival 10 years ago; the following year he took it to Israel and since then he has been adding to it and touring it around the world, but this is its first appearance in London, apart from a few isolated charity performances. The entire proceeds from the show will go towards completing the London Lighthouse Aids Hospice. McKellen and the production team are giving their services free, and the Playhouse Theatre is waiving its rent – a combined operation unprecedented for so long a run. The occasion looks like being a feast for Shakespeare enthusiasts and great Christmas entertainment. Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2. (01-839 4401). Previews are tonight and tomorrow, 6.30pm and 9pm. The show opens on Monday December 14, 7pm. Then Monday to Thursday 8pm, Friday and Saturday 6.30pm and 9pm, £4-£9.50. Until January 9. ***Jeremy Kingston***

CONCERTS

☆ **CLASSICAL PLEASURES:** Andrew Litton conducts the LPO in the Festival Overture of Shostakovich, Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody with Andrew Wilde (piano) and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30-9.20pm, £4.75.

☆ **BAMERT/SNO:** Matthias Bamert conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in Ravel's *La Valse*, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 "Pathétique" and Janos Starker solos in one of Saint-Saëns's Cello Concertos.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 1155, cc 228 5756), 7.30pm, £2.50-£9.90.

☆ **BOURGEOIS MUSIC:** Duncan McTier and Kathron Sturrock give the world première of Derek Bourgeois's Sonata Op 100 for double bass and piano. Fore and aft: Bottesini's Fantasy on Favourite Airs from *La Sonnambula* and McTier's transcription of Brahms's E minor Cello Sonata.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **ENCHANTED GEMINIANI:** To mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of Francesco Xaverio Geminiani the Baroque Orchestra of the Scottish Early Music Consort in some concertos, settings of Scots airs and *The Enchanted Forest*.
Henry Wood Hall, Scottish National Orchestra Centre, Claremont Street, Glasgow (041 552 5961), 8pm, £4.

☆ **SCO/SPS:** The Scottish Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Philip Ledger in Bach's Suite No 4, then they are joined by the Scottish Philharmonic Singers and soloists for Parts I-III of Bach's Christmas Oratorio.
Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.30pm; £3-£8.80.

☆ **EBC/EBO:** The English Baroque Choir, English Baroque Orchestra and soloists under Leon Lovett in short pieces by Cornelius, Corelli, Gabrieli, Bach, Handel, Mozart, in aid of the Foundation for Age Research.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £4.50-£10.

JAZZ

☆ **CLARK TRACEY QUINTET:** Sizzling hard bop, enlivened by Guy Barker's trumpet.
Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5341), 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **PESHKAR:** Penultimate concert by Zakir Hussain's superb ensemble of classical Indian virtuosi, accompanied by Larry Coryell.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 9.30pm, £5.

☆ **GEORGE MELLY:** Good Time George continues his annual stint, with John Chilton's Feetwarmers. Support is the house quintet.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £6).

Carols for Christmas

Next Monday in the Information Service – a full guide to carol services and Christmas music concerts

ROCK

☆ **ROY HARPER:** The daft, *ancien regime* hippy raconteur and strummer presents the first of two shows on different themes. This one is based on "One Of Those Days In England" while tomorrow he promises "Me And My Women" and "Same Old Rock".
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London W1 (01-387 9629) 8pm, £5-£6.

☆ **GARY GLITTER:** The panto season is evidently in full swing as the Bacofoil man clomps the boards at an early evening show.
Queens Hall, Sovereign Street, Leeds (0532 431961) 5pm, £6.50.

☆ **T'PAU:** Another chance to see Carol Decker's tonsils as the "China In Your Hand" shouters from Shrewsbury start a tour.
University of East Anglia, The Plain, Norwich (0603 505401) 7.30pm, £4.50-£5.

☆ **TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY:** The hard line pop-soul star and egomaniac who caused a minor sensation at the time of his first two singles, "If You Let Me Stay" and "Wishing Well".
Cornwall Coliseum, Carlyon Bay, St Austell (072 681 4004) 7pm, £7.50.

☆ **ALISON MOYET:** With her rich, plummy voice she engages in a minor tour de force including songs by Yazoo, Jacques Brel, Otis Redding, and her current single, Ketty Lester's "Love Letters".
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place (031 557 2590) 7pm, £7-£9.

GALLERIES

SAMUEL BECKETT – IN CLOSE-UP: See caption.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until May 1.

VICKY: An exhibition of original cartoons by Victor Weisz (1913-1966), whose work was politically incisive and funny.
National Portrait Gallery, see above. Free, until Mar 6.

EIGHT ARTISTS FROM BELFAST: Stephen O'Donnell and Kathleen Finnegan are among them.
City Artists, 75 East Road, London N1 (01-253 2048), Mon-Sat noon-6pm, free, until Dec 23.

GEORG BASELITZ: Recent sculpture and early woodcuts by the highly fashionable *führer* of Bad Painting.
Anthony d'Offay Gallery, 23 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Jan 16.

HARD TIMES: Works by Herkomer, Holl, Fildes and Van Gogh explore social realist themes in Victorian art.
City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester (061 236 9422), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Jan 10.

Samuel Beckett (above), the Dublin-born playwright, is the subject of the National Portrait Gallery's latest small display, "In Close-Up". The core of the exhibition is drawn from the archives of the *Evening Standard* photographer John Minihan, who over recent years has managed to get close to the notoriously private Beckett. The photographs show the writer directing a number of plays since 1980 including *Waiting for Godot* and *Endgame* at the Riverside Studios in London in 1982.

MR CARTWRIGHT'S PICTURES: First showing as a collection for 81 paintings bequeathed to Dulwich College by actor, bookseller and publisher William Cartwright (1607-1686).
Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (01-693 5254), Tues-Sat 10am-1pm & 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 28.

MANNERS AND MORALS: An exhibition tracing the emergence of an indigenous British school of painting during the lifetime of William Hogarth (1697-1762).
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, £3, until Jan 3.

MEMORY AND IMAGINATION: Stephen McKenna and Carlo Maria Mariani are included in this investigation of some origins of artistic inspiration.
Artspace, 21 Castle Street, Aberdeen (0224 639539), Tues-Sat 9.30am-5pm, free, until Dec 23.

DANCE

☆ **COPPELIA:** Northern Ballet Theatre's production keeps the traditional story but transfers the action to Lancashire.
Theatre Royal, Norwich (0603 628205), 8-10.15pm, £5-9.

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street Birmingham (021 622 7486), 7.30-9.40pm, £5-£15. (D)

☆ **RED STEPS:** Siobhan Davies's best recent creation for London Contemporary Dance Theatre is given with recent works by Rosalind Newman and others.
Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 417417), 7.30-10pm, £3-£7.50.

OPERA

★ **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE:** Jonathan Miller's new *commedia dell'arte*-inspired production draws strong performances from Alan Opie in the title role and Della Jones as Rosina.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50. (D)

☆ **LA VIE PARISIENNE:** Offenbach's operetta returns to Scottish Opera for a Christmas season with Penelope Mackay and Hugh Hetherington.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £2.50-£12.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera on the last lap of their tour with Christopher Renshaw's popular production.
Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£11.

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** Welsh National Opera in Giles Havergal's harum-scarum production.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595), 7.15-10.30pm, £5-£19.

WALKS

2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet St Paul's tube, 2pm, £3.

TRAIL OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3.

LEGAL LONDON: meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £2.50.

HAUNTED LONDON: meet Covent Garden tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

CHARACTERS OF OLD BLOOMSBURY: meet Warren Street tube, 3pm, £2.50.

PUB WALK – DICKENS'S HOSTELRIES: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

TALKS

EASTERN PROMISE: Gallery talk on the masterpieces of Persian, Turkish and Mughal painting.
The British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC2 (01-323 7595), noon, free.

THE REVOLUTION OF ART NOUVEAU: Lecture by John Russell Taylor on the maturing period of Beatrix Potter.
The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES: Lecture by Felicity Woolf on the period of impressionism and after.
The National Gallery, Room 44, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

VICTORIAN SHOPPING EVENING: Entertainment in the streets includes horse-drawn carriages, drays, steam engines, an old time fairground, barrel organs, musicians, choirs and carols. "Queen Victoria" arrives by boat at 6.30pm. (Visitors encouraged to wear Victorian fancy dress – competition and prizes for the best). Refreshments from hot muffins to mulled wine. Shops open until 9pm or later, car parks open throughout.
Richmond Town Centre, Richmond, Surrey. 6pm onwards.

VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE: Charity and trade stalls, entertainments, bands. Shops open, streets closed to traffic.
Bungay Town Centre, Suffolk. 5-10pm, free.

DIRT BIKE SHOW: Exhibition of off-road motor cycles, stands with latest machines and accessories.
Bristol Exhibition Centre, Canon's Road, Bristol, Avon (0272 732081). Today, 10am-9.30pm, tomorrow and Sun 10am-6pm. £3, child £1.50.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET: Crafts, toys, clothes, prints and produce.
Corn Exchange, Market Place, Alford, Lincolnshire. Today noon-10pm, tomorrow, 10am-5pm, free.

AFRICAN JUBILEE YEAR: Last chance to see the ILEA-hosted African and Caribbean art exhibition, the work of ten artists living and working in Britain.
County Hall, London SE1, (01-633 1234) Today 10am-4.30pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BACH ON NEW YEAR'S DAY: Ivor Bolton conducts St James's Baroque Players in works to celebrate New Year. Jan 1 at 3pm.
Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh Foundation, High Street, Aldeburgh Suffolk (072 885 3543).

ORPHEE ET EURIDICE: Postal booking for first performance of this version of Gluck's opera. Andreas Jaggi, Marilyn Hill Smith, English Bach Festival Baroque Orchestra, Singers and Dancers, under direction of Tom Hawkes. Jan 31.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

LONDON PIANOFORTE SERIES: Booking for Part Two, including Czech pianist Ivan Moravec and Gabriel Tacchino. Jan-June.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

LAST CHANCE

WINIFRED NICHOLSON: Artist who contributed to the appreciation of modernism in Britain.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 202173) Until Sun.

GLEN BAXTER: New works by surreal cartoonist.
Nigel Greenwood Gallery, 4 New Burlington Street, London W1 (01-434 3795) Until Sat.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

CENOBITE
(b) A member of a religious order living in a community, from Greek *koinos* common, and *bios* life.

PARAPH
(a) A distinctive flourish after a signature as protection against forgery, from syncopated version of *paragraphus*.

FABLIAU
(c) A ribald medieval French tale in verse, almost invariably octosyllabic couplets.

TSUBA
(c) The metal guard of a Japanese sword, often elaborately decorated, from *tsumi* to stop, and *ha* a blade.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Ton't 7.45 ENGLISH BAROQUE CHOIR, ENGLISH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA Leon Lovett (cond) Christmas prog inc Bach, Corelli, Mozart and Handel.

EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50. Adults, £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except tuesday 09.30 - 18.00. W/E 10.00 - 21.00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828-2768.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.30 The Barber of Seville. Tomor 7.30 Rigoletto.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Poisoned Ivory (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes invites viewers to ring in with their opinions on last night's television. To participate call 061 814 0424. **8.55 Regional news and weather.**
9.00 News and weather, followed by **Neighbours** (r).
9.20 Kilroy. A studio debate on the role of social workers in the light of the Kimberley Carlile *Enquiry's report.*
10.00 News and weather, followed by **Going for Gold** (r).
10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings, followed by **Play School** presented by Carol Chell and Stuart Bradley (r) and **Willo the Wisp** (r).
10.55 *Five to Eleven.*
11.00 News and weather, followed by **Open Air** with Susan Rae and Bob Wellings.
12.00 News and weather, followed by **Daytime Live. 12.55 Regional news and weather.**
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. It looks like Nikki is in for some bad news.
1.50 Film: By the Light of the Silvery Moon (1953). Doris Day and Gordon MacRae star in this turn-of-the-century musical comedy which features such classics as "If You Were The Only Girl In The World" and "My Home Town". Directed by David Butler.
3.30 Ask Margo. Consumer news and advice from Margo MacDonald.
3.50 Corners presented by Sophie Aldred and Simon Davies.
4.10 SuperTed (r). **4.15 What's All This Then? 4.55 Newsround.**
5.05 Grange Hill (Ceefax).
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. On Terry's guest list tonight are Baroness Seear, leader of the Liberals in the *House of Lords, Barbara Castle,* MEP, and Baroness Trumpington, parliamentary secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture. Musical entertainment is provided by Chris de Burgh.
7.40 Blankety Blank Les Dawson is joined by Pat Coombs, Henry Cooper, Barry Cryer, Debbie *Greenwood,* Jenny Hanley and Tom Pepper (Ceefax).
8.15 Twenty Years of the The Two Ronnies Clips from Barker and Corbett's long-running comic association (Ceefax) (r).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Marksman. Episode two of the three-part thriller starring David Threlfall, James Ellis and Michael Angelis. Weaver and Irwin come to a deal over the identity of the bent copper (Ceefax).
10.30 Film: Breakheart Pass (1975). Alistair MacLean's western adventure. A marshal and his mysterious prisoner cross the Rockies by train, heading for the scene of a diptheria epidemic. Before they reach their destination several unnatural deaths occur. Starring Charles Bronson and Ben Johnson. Directed by Tom Gries (Ceefax).
12.00 Late Night in Concert: Chris Rea. Highlights of the singer/songwriter's concert at last year's Montreux Jazz Festival (r).
12.35 Weather, closedown.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am. News and weather on the hour and half-hour, interspersed with cartoons and family entertainment. **8.00** *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond **9.00** *After Nine* presented by Jayne Irving.
9.25 Thames News Headlines.
9.30 Runway. Chris Serle presents the travel and tactics quiz.
10.00 Santa Barbara. 10.25 ITN News Headlines with David Cass.
10.30 The Time . . . The Place. Mike *Scott chairs a studio discussion* about loving a younger man. Among the participants is Victoria Houston, American author of a book of the same name and married to a man nine years younger than herself.
11.10 Rainbow (r).
11.25 Thames News Headlines.
11.30 *At the Works. Last in the local* history series with Margaret Tyzack portraying Lady Bell, turn-of-the-century author of *At the Works.*
12.00 Jimmy's. Another visit to Britain's largest general hospital.
12.30 ITN News with John Suchet. **12.50 Thames News.**
1.00 *Film: MacArthur the Rebel* **General** (1977). Gregory Peck stars as the controversial Second World War soldier, ordered by his President to leave the besieged Philippine Islands, and outraged when his successor surrenders to the Japanese. Directed by Joseph Sargent.
3.25 Thames News Headlines.
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian drama series about business intrigue and family ties.
4.00 Children's ITV presented by Gary Terzza and Debbie Shore, starting with **The Raggy Dolls. 4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 Scooby Doo 4.45 Splash** is invited to Nathan Milham's unusual birthday party — held on board a steam train at his home on the Lavender Line in Sussex; and Lisa goes to a ceilidh in Glasgow.
5.15 Snooker. Tony Francis introduces the latest action from the second semi-final in Northampton.
5.45 ITN News with Alastair Stewart (Oracle).
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show. Michael Aspel and team take a lighthearted look at London life. Includes Thames Weekend News presented by Andrew Gardner and Ken Andrew.
7.00 The Price is Right. Leslie *Crowther invites more contestants* to come on down in the price-guessing game show.
8.00 The Bretts. This double-length episode about the fortunes of a theatrical family in the Twenties moves to the decadent city of Berlin where Tom discovers the dubious delights of *cabaret. Starring Norman* Rodway, George Winter and Barbara Murray (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten, with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes, followed by LWT News Headlines.
10.30 The London Programme reports on the increasing practice of builders employing dubious contractors to dump the rubble generated by London's building boom and accompanies an after-dark raid to catch the cowboy dumpers.
11.00 Snooker. Further coverage of the semifinals.
12.30 Off the Rack. Edward Asner and Eileen Brennan in an American comedy series about the rag trade. Kate learns of a romantic interlude her late husband had with another woman.
1.00 Night Network includes Bee Gee Robin Gibb's look at the album charts; an interview with Marc Almond; and concert footage of American rapper LL Cool J.
4.00 Route 66 (b/w). Tod, Buz and Bartlett fly off to new jobs on an off-shore drilling barge in the Gulf of Mexico (r).
5.00 World Series Baseball 87. St Louis Cardinals v Minnesota Twins. Ends **6.00.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax.
1.20 The Adventures of Spot (r), followed by **Bric-a-Brac** (r).
1.35 Pioneers of Photography documents the work of Hippolyte Bayard, D.O. Hill and Robert Adamson (r).
2.00 News and weather, followed by **Sport on Friday.** Including news and weather at **3.05** and **3.50.**
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Leslie Thomas talks to Desmond Lynam about his memories of past television moments.
4.30 World Bowls. David Icke introduces coverage of the World Indoor Pairs Championship.
5.30 Food and Drink. Two alternative Christmas recipes: roast goose with apple sauce, and plum duff (r).
6.00 Film: The Hound of the Baskervilles (1939, b/w). Basil Rathbone stars as Sherlock Holmes and Nigel Bruce as his sidekick Dr Watson in this classic Arthur Conan Doyle mystery about the strange and terrifying events on a bleak Devon moor. Directed by Sidney Lanfield.
7.15 Flyaway follows a model airplane's flight over the Berkshire Downs (r).
7.30 The Education Programme visits Birmingham to examine the effect the country's first City Technology College will have on other schools in the area.
8.00 The Friday Report. An audience of commuters put their questions to Chris Green, director of British Rail's Network South East.
8.30 Out of Court. Every year 300 children are mauled by dogs. David Jessel and Sue Cook investigate the laws relating to vicious dogs, and talk to Geoffrey Dickens MP about his attempts to make ownership of an uncontrolled and savage dog a prisonable offence.
9.00 Arena: Stop Making Sense (see Choice).
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.15 Weatherview.
11.20 World Bowls. David Icke introduces highlights of tonight's semifinal match in the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship. Ends **12.50.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Business Daily. Financial and business service presented by Mark Rogerson.
12.30 Start Here. Scientific adventures for children (r).
1.00 Sesame Street. American learning series for children.
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Snooker. *Second semifinal in* the Foster's World Doubles tournament.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Steven Henton from Mansfield Woodhouse.
5.00 Mister Ed (b/w). Comedy and adventure with the talking horse.
5.30 The Chart Show features the *video work of George Michael.*
6.00 Revid. Gary Crowley and Jon Stephen Fink review the latest film releases out on video.
6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes. Singer/songwriter Tim Jones from Park in County Durham.
6.30 The Chart Show. Part two.
7.00 Channel 4 News, followed by weather.
7.50 Book Choice. Crime novelist P.D. James reviews John Treherne's *Dangerous Precincts: The Mystery of the Wakeford Case* (Oracle).
8.00 What the Papers Say with John Lloyd, presenter of *The Sharp End.*
8.15 Dispatches (see Choice).
9.00 The Cosby Show. American comedy series starring Bill Cosby (Oracle).
9.30 A Houseful of Plants. Last in *the indoor horticultural* series (Oracle).
10.00 The Golden Girls. American comedy series.
10.30 The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. Among the guests are singers Tom Jones and Rick Astley, plus David Lynch director of the cult film *Eraserhead* and *more recently Blue Velvet.*
11.20 Assert Yourself. How to cope with criticism. Presented by Andrew Sachs.
12.05 Terence Trent D'Arby. Footage of the pop singer's Munich concert.
1.10 Film: Two Lions in the Sun (1980). Offbeat comedy-drama *starring Jean-Pierre Sentier* and Jean-Francois Stevenin as two forty-year-old homosexuals who drift into a life of crime. Directed by Claude Faraldo. Ends **2.55.**

Leslie Ash as Hazel in The Marksman, BBC1, 9.30pm

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Sportfolio **12.35am-12.40** News and weather **SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.30-11.00** Left, Right and Centre **11.00-12.30am** Film: Breakheart Pass **12.30-1.05** Chris Rea **1.05-1.10** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Masterteam 87 **12.35am-12.40** News, weather **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** *Regional news magazines*

BBC2 **WALES 6.30am-6.55** Masterteam 87 **8.00pm-8.30** Public Account **NORTHERN IRELAND 8.00-8.30** A Question of Sport **ENGLAND 8.00pm-8.30** East: Insight. Midlands: Jailers. North: Paper Kisses. North-East: Allotment Show. North-West: Blind Adventure. South: South on 2: Royal Visit. South-West: Western Approach. West: West on 2

ANGLIA As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-3.30** Film: Darling Lili **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.30** Cross Question Christmas Quiz **12.30am-1.00** Twilight Zone.

BORDER As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00pm** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Wuthering Heights **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.30-11.00** Union and the League **12.30am** Close.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-3.30** Film: Barabbas **6.00-7.00** News **10.30-11.00** Central Weekend **12.30am** Film: Starting Over **2.30** The Roxy **3.00** America's Top 10 **3.30** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Reilly Ace of Spies **2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** Cross Wits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30-11.00** Facing South **12.30am-1.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: High Tide at Noon" **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Trang Trang **3.45-4.00** Sludan **6.00** North Tonight **6.35-7.00** Wish You Were Here...? **10.30-11.00** Crossfire **12.30am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00** Film: Up in Arms **3.00** Week in View **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start — The Final **10.30-11.00** *This England* **12.30am** Film: Smile Jenny, You're Dead **2.00** I Spy **2.55** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: Kidnapped **3.00-3.30** Short Story **6.00** News **6.30-7.00** Good Neighbour Show Christmas Special **10.30** Your Say **10.45-11.00** New Squadronaires **12.30am** Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30** Last Night of The Welsh Proms **11.30-12.30am** Snooker

TSW As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: Barabbas **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32-11.00** Sledgehammer **12.30am** Hunter **1.25** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS *As London except:* **12.50pm** News **1.00** Reilly — Ace of Spies **2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** Crosswits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30-11.00** Facing South **12.30am-1.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: The Wind Cannot Read" **3.00-3.30** Nature of Things **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Extra Time **10.32-11.00** *Nightline* **12.30am** Three's Company **12.40** Jobfinder, Close.

ULSTER As London except: **12.50pm** Newstime **1.00-3.30** Film: Keys of the Kingdom **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** Six Tonight Extra **10.30** Witness **10.35-11.00** Nine to Five **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.50pm** News **12.55** Help Yourself **1.00** Film: Diamonds **3.00-3.30** Short Story Theatre **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Full House **10.30-11.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.30am** Film: Aces High **2.35** Jobfinder **3.35** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **10.00am** Film: Charlie Chaplin Festival" **11.30** Start Here **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Sesame *Street* **2.00** *Their Lordship's House* **2.15** Snooker **4.15** Brwsion **4.30** Smyrffs **5.00** Chips' Comic **5.30** Chart Show **6.00** Revid **6.15** Famous for 15 Minutes **6.30** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Rargian Fawr **8.00** Trabor **8.30** Carreg Ateb **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.40** Holiday **10.00** A Fine Romance **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** *Assert Yourself* **12.05am** Terence Trent D'Arby **1.10** Film: Two Lions in the Sun

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5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, *incl* **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is the actor Antony Sher, who picks eight of his favourite records (r)
9.45 A Sideways Look at ... with Anthony Smith
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Vikings, by Fiona Barr. The reader is Linda Wray
10.45 Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 46 (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: The other Opposition. Peter Hennessey examines the changing role of the House of Lords.
11.47 Treasure Islands: Booker-prize winning writer Penelope Lively enters the world of children's books in the company of Tony Bradman, John Rowe Townsend, and Gina Pollinger
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper with his weekly defence of pure food at a fair price **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: presented by Marjorie Lofthouse, in Birmingham. Items include a feature on shyness and blushing; and interviews with magazine editors Adrienne Hall *(Frills)* and Iris Burton *(Best),* and Nike Odediran, just back from China, talking about Peking Opera.
3.00 News; The True Heart: by Sylvia Townsend Warner, dramatized by Doreen Mahon. With Tilly Vosburgh, Mick Ford, Theresa Streatfeild, Diana Bishop, and Charles Kay (first of two parts). (r)
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 *On the Day I was Born:* Larry Harris talks to Sir John Egan, born on November 7 1939
4.30 Kaleidoscope: presented by Christopher Bigsby. A second chance to hear last *night's edition, which* included items on the screen version of Charles Dickens's Little Dorrit; the Hard Times exhibition at the Manchester City Art Gallery; and Outbreak of God in Area 9, at the Young Vic, London (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping **5.55** *Weather*
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and his team monitor movements in the worlds of travel and transport
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents highlights *from the past week's* television and radio programmes
8.20 Any Questions? Joining Jonathan Dimbleby are Roy Jenkins, Tony Blair MP, Richard Cottrell MEP, and Rosalind Gilmore, business consultant. From Hemyock, Devon
9.05 Stop Press: Edward Pearce reviews this week's newspapers
9.30 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Traditional Heirs. Andy Kershaw presents part one of a two-part programme which hunts down what has survived of traditional music of Britain
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Jackdaw Cake, by Norman Lewis (episode five). The reader is Ray Smith **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Richard Kershaw
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: Satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF *as above except:* **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. Drama Resources for 14-plus years: **11.00** Stage Costume **11.20** Devising (1) **11.40** Devising (2) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.00** GCSE Religious Studies: Belief and Worship. Patterns of Language: **2.30** Put It in Writing **2.45** Parlez-vous Italiano, bitte?

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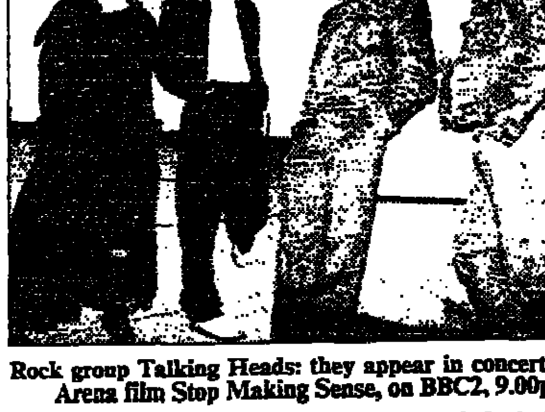
Making sense of rock

TELEVISION CHOICE

● The film opens enigmatically with a shot of a pair of white shoes and an unseen voice saying: "Hi, I've got a tape I want to play". The camera moves up to reveal David Byrne, leading light of the Talking Heads rock group, and follows him into a rendition of "Psycho Killer" in which the cassette player is joined by Byrne's acoustic guitar. The striking thing about Jonathan Demme's Stop Making Sense (BBC1, 9.00pm) is that although it took its material from three live concerts, the audience has been all but excluded. The applause is muted and there are no shots of ecstatic fans. The effect is to remove a substantial barrier between the viewer and the performers. In his treatment of the numbers, Demme has gone well beyond making a simple record and has used lighting, editing, and camera angles to create a valid cinematic experience. Experts say it is one of the best rock concert films and I am happy to agree.



Rock group Talking Heads: they appear in concert in the Arena film Stop Making Sense, on BBC2, 9.00pm

● The current affairs series *Dispatches* (Channel 4, 8.15pm) becomes more like a drama production tonight when a cast a 18 actors recreate the life and death of four-year-old Kimberley Carlile, who was murdered by her stepfather. Diana Quick, Anna Massey, Daniel Day-Lewis and Kenneth Cranham are among those taking part in a dramatized reading from the report into Kimberley's death by the barrister Louis Blom-Cooper. Since the report is published only this morning, the programme will be hot off the studio floor. It has been devised by Jon Blair, co-author of a not dissimilar exercise, *The Biko Inquest,* which was produced in the theatre with Albert Finney.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Adnan John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out (Mike Read and guests) **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock *Show (featuring Wild!).* **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
Sports round-up 8.50am
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Friday Night is Music *Night* **8.45** *Don Innes* at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Moira Anderson's Serenade **10.30** Living with Betty (comedy with Barbara Windsor, Peter Sallis) **11.00** Peter Dickinson **1.00am** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Write On... **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Organists of Paris **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** The Man *of Property* **10.00** *News* **10.01** *A Drop of the* Irish **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Jazz For The Asking **11.00** News **11.15** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook Live, opening with World News **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Sergeant Pepper **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuel **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Business Matters **9.45** Christmas with the Savages **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Commentary **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** *News* **12.09** *News About Britain* **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** They Sold a Million **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

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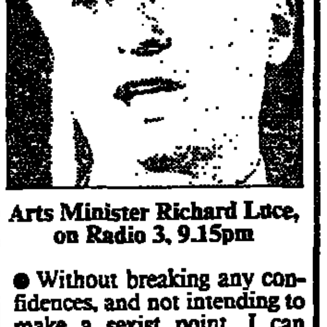

Arts Minister Richard Luce, on Radio 3, 9.15pm

● Without breaking any confidences, and not intending to make a sexist point, I can reveal that the three main prize-winners in this year's National Poetry Competition, *organized as ever by the* Poetry Society in association with Radio 3 — their names will be announced by the Arts Minister, Richard Luce, in Poetry 87 (on Radio 3, 9.15pm) — are all men. No need, however, for despondency on the part of those women who were among the 14,700 who sent in poems this year because I can also reveal that men have not made a clean sweep of the other 15 prizes and the five commendations. If evidence is needed to back up the claim that these annual poetry awards are more than mere flashes in the pan and that the strategy behind them is to draw the attention of publishers to talent that might have escaped their notice, then please note that last year's first-prize winner Carol Satyamurti has just had her collection published under the title *Broken Moon,* and that previous winners like Jo Shapcott and Philip Gross have either got their work on display on the bookshop shelves or are about to.

Peter Davalle

Radio 3

4.25 am Second Test: Pakistan v England, in Faisalabad. Until **11.55am.** On MW and VHF, but on MW only from **6.55am**
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Berlioz (Le Corsaire overture: Scottish National under Gibson), Beethoven (Sonata in F, Op 54: Bernard *Roberts, piano),* Koechlin (Epitaphe de Jean Harlow: Pierre-Yves Artaud, flute; Claude Delangle, sax; Odile Delangle, piano), Saint-Saens (Violin Concerto No 3: Henryk Szeryng and Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra under Remoortel)
8.00 News
8.05 Concert (contd): Gibbons (Verse anthem: This is the Record of John: Choir of King's College, Cambridge and Early Music Group), Quantz (Horn Concerto No 3: Barry Tuckwell, with Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown), Chopin (Nocturnes in F, Op 15 No 1; and in F sharp, Op 15 No 2: Barenboim, piano), Berwald (Sinfonie singulière: RPO under Ulf Bjorlin
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Gordon Crosse. Ariadne, performed by LSO under Michael Lankester, with Sarah Francis, oboe; and the Piano Trio, performed by Hartley Trio
10.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Christopher Adey. Rossini (La scala di seta overture), Mozart (Divertimento in F, K 138), Grainger (My Robin is *to the Greenwood Gone),* Malcolm Arnold (Sinfonietta No 3, op 81), and Bridge arrangements of Sally in Our Alley, and Cherry Ripe
10.45 Hilary Thomas: the soprano with Keith Swallow (piano) in works by Borodin (incl The Sea Princess), Elis Pehkonen (Blizzard and the Dark), Balakirev (incl The Clear Crescent of the Moon)
11.30 Ernst Toch: recordings of Serenade in G, Op 25 (Westwood String Trio), Sonatinetta Op 84 (members of the Philadelphia Woodwind Quintet), and Symphony No 3 (Pittsburgh SO under William Steinberg)
12.15 BBC Philharmonic, under Alexander Rahbari, with Peter Katin (piano). Part one. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Concert (part two): Shostakovich (Symphony No 10)
2.05 Foreign Influences: David Roblou (harpsichord) plays cerebral fuges by Telemann, Bach's Italian Concerto, and Georg Muffat's Passacaglia
2.45 BBC Concert Orchestra, under Christopher Seaman. Ireland (A London Overture), Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring), Bridge (Summer), Glazunov (The Seasons)
4.00 Vespers: from Clifton Cathedral, Bristol. The organ voluntary is Buxtehude's Prelude and fugue in D minor, and the organist is John Gibbons. With Clifton Wind Consort
5.00 World Service News
5.10 *Mainly for Pleasure:* recorded music selection, presented by Graham Fawcett
6.55 News bulletin
7.00 The Fates and their Song: recordings of Remo Lauricella's Moirae overture (Munich Radio Orchestra), and Brahms's Song of the Fates (Bavarian Radio SO)
7.30 Leslie Howard: piano recital. Part one. Beethoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 7), and Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 12)
8.25 The Frontiers of Literature: Word Games. Last of three talks by Laurence Lerner, poet and Professor of English at Vanderbilt University
8.45 Piano recital (part two): Rachmaninov (Sonata No 2, first version)
9.15 Poetry 87: announcement of the prizewinners of the 1987 National Poetry Competition. Presented by *Anthony Thwaite.* Some of the winners read their poems (see Choice)
10.00 Glasgow Xenakis Festival 1987: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk. Part one. Xenakis's Metastasies, John Maxwell Geddes's Voyager, and Penherski's *Scottish Chronicles*
10.40 Words: a talk by Dr Mark Elvin, Fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford (r)
10.45 Glasgow Festival (continued): Xenakis's Shaar: Horos
11.15 Guitar Music: Stefano Grondona plays Giuliani's Rossiniana, Op 122; and Walton's Five Bagatelles
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown
4.55 am: Test Match Special — final day of the Second Test between Pakistan and England in Faisalabad. Until **11.35am.** ON MW and VHF, but on MW only from **6.55am**

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Regency restoration graces Whitehall

By John Young

Whitehall will receive a handsome and long awaited facelift on Monday when Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, officially opens Richmond House, opposite the Cenotaph.

The building is a mixture of new building and refurbishment, the highlight of which is the restoration to its former glory of the splendid Regency façade of Richmond Terrace, which was at one time threatened with demolition.

The total estimated cost of the development is £38,600,000, and its nearly 15,000 sq m of office space will be used by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The terrace stands on the site of the former Richmond House, which was destroyed by fire in 1791; before that the site had formed part of the orchard of Whitehall Palace. It was designed between 1819 and 1822, either by Thomas Chawner or Henry Harrison, and completed in 1824.

The eight houses, the last of them facing on to Whitehall, quickly became highly sought-after residences for the great and the good of the nineteenth century, among them politicians, writers, an Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Henry Morton Stanley, the explorer, and Quintin Hogg.

All the houses except No 8 remained in residential occupation until the original leases expired in 1921, after which they were gradually converted to offices.

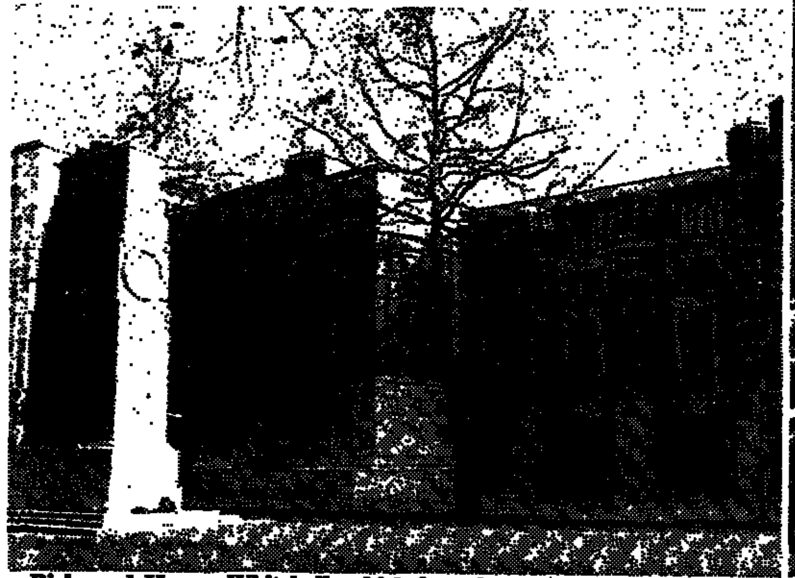
In the 1930s it was decided that the terrace should be demolished, and a scheme for a new Government office building was approved by the Royal Fine Art Commission, only to be halted by the outbreak of the war.

The demolition proposals were revived during the development boom of the 1960s but met with fierce opposition, and a public inquiry in 1970 concluded that the façades of both Richmond Terrace and the adjacent Norman Shaw (North) building should be retained.

Despite that, it remained in a state of worsening decay for several more years, until in 1978 the Government decided to go ahead with the restoration of the listed façade and interiors.

The following year panelling, doors, fireplaces and plaster mouldings were removed to safe storage, temporary weatherproofing and underpinning were installed, and the structurally unsafe parts of the buildings demolished. The erection of a reinforced concrete frame to support the terrace façade was completed by Wates Construction in 1984.

The final part of the project, now completed by Taylor Woodrow under contract to the Government's Property Services Agency, incorporates the restoration of the terrace, the refurbishment of 85 Whitehall and 49-54 Parliament Street, and a new building, comprising seven storeys and a basement, designed by Whitfield Partners to complement the Norman Shaw building and to retain the historic skyline.



Richmond House, Whitehall, which is to be the headquarters of the DHSS, showing the new building and the Regency façade.

Mr Kit Evans, one of the architects responsible for the restoration of Richmond Terrace, surveying the finished task in the Conference Room yesterday (Photograph:Graham Wood).

Commons sketch

The panto season is in full swing

Mr Neil Kinnock's preferred way of voicing deep opposition to Mrs Thatcher's government is to lie well back in his seat with his feet up on the table in front of him, a broad grin across his face. Sometimes he will chat to Mr Roy Hattersley, who loafs blob-like to his right; at other times he will joke with jolly Mr Frank Dobson. Once in a while, he will ask the Prime Minister a question. But, for the most part, his you-can't-fool-me grin is expected to suffice.

"The Honourable Lady is suffering from incurable complacency and untreatable arrogance", he bellowed, flicking his index finger this way and that. He might also have predicted that she would soon be suffering from figure fatigue, for the National Health Service can still never be mentioned without the Hon Lady flooding the chamber with figures.

She had already announced that spending had gone up enormously – 43 per cent on family practitioner service, 26 per cent on hospital and community spending, 42 per cent on capital expenditure, and so on. At times like these, she gives the impression that she could not walk along the street without first counting the paving-stones and extracting percentages from the frequency of cracks.

Between grins, Mr Kinnock quoted from the recent complaints of senior physicians. Informed criticism! Conservative backbenchers have long felt that this is a most unfair means of attack, and Mr Harry Greenaway began banging his order paper against his knee, the child wailing his protest at such horrid medicine.

Prime Minister's Question Time might more suitably be re-titled Prime Minister's Answer Time, for her answers now bear little connection to the preceding questions. Ignoring the physicians' report, she quoted yet more figures: the proportion of the GNP spent on the NHS had increased from 4.8 per cent under the Labour government to 5.5 per cent under the Conservatives.

It was beginning to resemble some awful mathematics lesson. The Opposition benches, desperate to avoid further sums, began to make their protests more vociferous. "Got no heart!" boomed a Labour backbencher, "Got no heart!"

The rest of them screamed and shouted, except for Mr Kinnock, who just grinned.

"Order! Order!" said the Speaker.

Mr George Foulkes (Lab) yelled: "You're like a Pakistani umpire!", though whether he was talking to the Prime Minister or the Speaker was unclear. Indeed, so loud was his outburst that he may well have been addressing himself directly to the umpire in question.

"Disgraceful! Disgraceful!" all the Conservatives seemed to yell together, as if the words had been lowered down, pantomime-style, from the ceiling. "Out! Out! Out!"

On such occasions, MPs become admirable in their capacity to hold the conflicting passions of outrage and hilarity in their heads at the same time: as they waved their order papers in anger, they also managed to laugh their heads off. Sometimes, it is as if the front half of the political pantomime horse, dutifully shedding rehearsed tears, is unaware that its back half is simultaneously performing an Irish-polka.

Perhaps worried that further figures might provoke rioting, the Prime Minister began to blare an inventory of operations. "There have never been more heart by-passes, more hip replacements, more cataract operations, more bone marrow transplants, more . . ."

The list went on and on. Mr Kinnock hit back with a savage grin. "He cannot bear to hear the facts", declared Mrs Thatcher.

At the bar of the House, Mr Norman Tebbit stood a few feet away from Mr Tony Benn, the pair of them a sinister version of *The Babes in the Wood*, Mr Tebbit's smile mirrored and reversed in Mr Benn's grimace. The fiercely bearded Mr Dave Nellist declared that the Prime Minister had begun to sound like a cracked record. "Doesn't she care?" he bleated.

In reply, Mrs Thatcher reeled off yet more operations. Mr Kinnock continued to grin. As Mr Nellist seemed to suggest, this record will run and run.

Craig Brown

Statement clears officials over preface controversy

Continued from page 1

points concerning the content of the preface.

He said he believed Dr Bennett had been "speaking a word of prophecy". Dr Bennett had wanted radical changes in the church, to halt its continued decline.

The sub-committee, of which Dr. Bennett had been a member, met at Addington Palace in Croydon, south London. The meeting, which was routinely scheduled before the preface affair blew up, continues today with other business.

As he read his statement, Dr. Runcie was flanked by three senior synod dignitaries, the chairman of the House of Laity, Professor David McLean, and the Prolocutors of the Convocations of Canterbury and York, Canon David Silk and Canon Peter Boulton. None of them made any comment.

The full statement reads: "The policy sub committee of the standing committee of the General Synod holding its regular meeting at Addington Palace on Thursday December 10 asked its chairman, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who presided throughout the meeting, to make the following statement.

"1. The committee expresses its very great grief at the tragic death of one of its members, Dr Gareth Bennett. His views were well known to the committee which had valued greatly his contribution to its discussions and his personal friendship.

"2. The choice of the author of the Crockford's preface and the procedure for publication were the responsibility of Mr Derek Pattinson, secretary general of the General Synod of the Church of England, and Mr James Shelley, the secretary of the Church Commissioners, who gave Dr Bennett an assurance of complete anonymity. In that and all other respects they acted strictly in accordance with precedent. The committee expresses its total confidence in the way these officers handled the whole matter.

"3. The committee deplores the various pressures to which Dr Bennett had evidently been subjected, following the preface's publication."

Dr Runcie said he may have more to add at a later time.

Both Mr Pattinson and Mr Shelley were present at the committee meeting. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, did not preside, though that had apparently been the earlier intention. That was thought to be because he had come under some criticism himself, particularly for an outspoken statement he made after the preface's publication and before Dr Bennett's death. Dr Runcie, though, who was criticized in the preface itself, played no public role in the aftermath.

Women being sterilized are urged 'give eggs to infertile'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Britain's first test-tube baby from an anonymous donor's egg has been born in a hospital in Bristol, it was announced yesterday.

At the same time, doctors appealed to the 100,000 women a year undergoing routine sterilization operations to donate eggs, either to help infertile women to have test-tube babies or to advance fertilization research.

Clare Sian Lloyd-Henry was delivered at Bristol Maternity Hospital, weighing 7lbs and a healthy full-term baby.

She is only the second baby in the world born after *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) using a donated egg from an anoymous woman.

The other recorded case was in Brussels, although 19 test-tube babies have been born from eggs donated by known donors, mostly relatives.

The birth followed research by the IVF specialists, Mr Michael Hull and Mr Peter Wardle, of the obstetric and gynaecology department at Bristol University.

The doctors said yesterday: "Our main problem is the limited numbers of donors. If more women came forward as potential donors we would be able to do a great deal more for infertile women."

The IVF technique involves the removal of an egg from the donor's ovary. It is then fertilized in the laboratory by the father's semen and later transferred to the recipient mother.

Researchers hope the technique will help some of Britain's 275,000 infertile couples aged between 24 and 35. Several women are undergoing similar treatment around the country.

Clare's parents, Mrs Donna Lloyd-Henry and her husband Paul, who come from Hampshire, tried to have children for five years. Mrs Lloyd-Henry suffered from premature menopause when she was 24.

She said: "I do not know the donor and she does not know me. I will always be extremely grateful to her, but now Clare is totally ours."

The team at Bristol University began its work in 1984. Of 22 women who came in for routine sterilizations, 20 agreed to take part in the project and donate eggs to infertile women.

When Clare was born, both parents, who donated £1,000 towards the cost of the treatment, broke down in tears. Her father said: "We were so happy. We felt we would have done anything to have a baby."

Gorbachov wins over US political animals

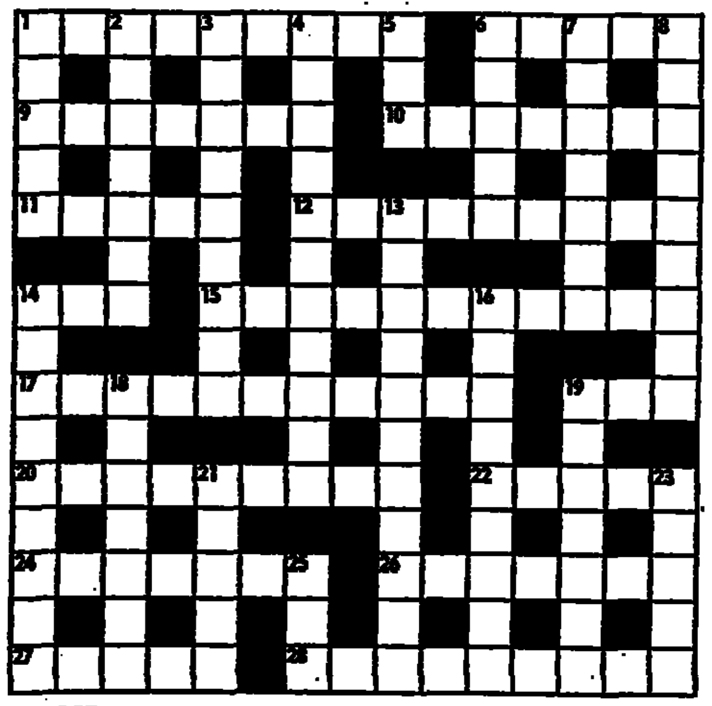
Continued from page 1

himself. For that, he would have to be electable.

We have yet to see whether he is electable in the Soviet Union, and we probably never will. It is even more problematic whether someone like him could be elected at the end of one of those long US campaigns. By that time, Americans would have got to know him much better than they had at the end of a three-day visit. They would notice that his way with hostile questions – such as the one he was asked about Soviet emigration – suggests that he is someone who is not used to being asked them.

Also, he does tend to lecture. "The Soviet Union has its own interests, and the United States has its own interests," went one typical passage. " . . . every country has its own specific interests." He was addressing what was described as a gathering of US artists and intellectuals. Mr Reagan would have told funny stories about working with Errol Flynn. Whatever artists and intellectuals say in public, they – like most US voters – prefer that sort of thing from a world leader.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 17,537



ACROSS

1 Board includes a head, with educational potential (9).
6 A large number initially employed in Japanese plant (5).
9 Love to play? I'm changing in games centre (7).
10 Witness to make a statement (7).
11 Resigned, thus, to cuts (5).
12 Novel written as child slept (9).
14 I see why listeners get such a cold spell (3).
15 It's obvious partners in carriage don't exist (11).
17 Boil, then ignite, to undergo conversion (3,3,5).
19 Old coin or note in foreign currency (3).
20 Result of much rain – a crash in Eastern Region (9).
22 Little by little, a shrub appears (5).
24 One fish in Mediterranean sank (7).
26 Bury, for instance, inside hole, say (7).
27 Split between Conservative and his opponents (5).
28 Looked after hands – hence my success as doctor (9).

DOWN

1 Toddlers left group, in short (5).
2 Undistinguished person (7).
3 Limp put an end to children's game (9).
4 Post accepted by more wicked criminal (11).
5 Once in Rome, I say nothing (3).
6 Book among those abridged (5).
7 On moral grounds, hold back very little (7).
8 Such a tale can do damage (9).
13 Create a style, holding one title (11).
14 Restless Simon wildly raised Cain (9).
16 Genuine article held by female relative detailing 14*ac* (9).
18 Change to count, say – quarters and gold coin (7).
19 Like David in ill-matched contest, second last (7).
21 Somewhat hard-headed, in practice (5).
23 A ringleader caught by detectives is bitter (5).
25 Stupid and lacking distinction (3).

Concise crossword, page 10

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CENOBITE
a. A light supper
b. A monk
c. A sarcasm

PARAPH
a. A squiggle
b. A carnivorous fish
c. A computer format

FABLIAU
a. An armchair
b. A slander
c. A poem

TSUBA
a. Bamboo brandy
b. A Chinese vase
c. A sword guard

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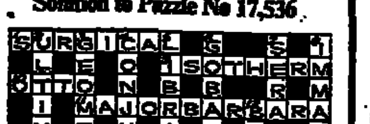
Solution to Puzzle No 17,536



WEATHER

General situation: A slow-moving area of high pressure will persist over the British Isles. Generally cloudy over northern parts of Scotland with the chance of a little light rain, and some eastern coastal counties of Britain may also be rather cloudy at times. Rather a cold day in most parts, with frost and patchy fog returning after nightfall. Windy in the far south-west. Outlook: cloudier, less cold weather with a little rain will move gradually north-eastwards to most parts.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	11	52	Malaga	c	14	57
Akrotiri	f	21	70	Malta	f	18	64
Alex'dria	s	24	75	Melb'rne	s	24	75
Algiers	f	16	61	Mexico C*	f	20	68
Amst'dm	c	5	41	Miami*	c	26	79
Athens	s	18	64	Milan	s	5	41
Bahrain	f	21	70	Montreal*	c	5	41
Barbados*	s	29	84	Moscow	f	-11	12
Barcelona	c	10	50	Munich	s	-5	23
Belgrade	sn	-3	27	Nairobi	f	27	81
Berlin	c	2	36	Naples	f	13	55
Bermuda*	f	22	72	N Delhi	s	22	72
Cape Tn	f	22	72	Prague	c	-4	25
C'blanca	c	17	63	Reykjvk	c	7	45
Chicago*	c	6	43	Rhodes	f	20	68
Ch'church	c	14	57	Rio de J	f	28	82
Cologne	c	-2	28	Riyadh	s	21	70
C'phagn	c	7	45	Rome	s	8	46
Corfu	f	16	61	Salzburg	f	-4	25
Dublin	s	7	45	S F'risco*	c	16	61
Dubrovnik	f	9	48	Santiago*	s	32	90
Faro	r	17	63	S Paulo*	f	28	82
Florence	s	7	45	Seoul	c	9	48
Frankfurt	c	-4	25	Sing'por	r	27	81
Funchal	c	19	66	St'kholm	f	4	39
Geneva	c	-1	30	Strasb'rg	s	-4	25
Gibraltar	f	17	63	Sydney	c	28	82
Helsinki	sn	-6	21	Tangier	f	16	61
Hong K	s	20	68	Tel aviv	f	22	72
L Palmas	f	21	70	Vanc'ver*	r	8	46
Le Touqt	s	3	37	Venice	s	3	37
Lisbon	r	16	61	Vienna	s	-3	27
Locarno	c	4	39	Warsaw	sn	-1	30
L Angels*	f	17	63	Wash'ton*	f	16	61

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.8	*	3	37	sunny
Bridlington	5.1	.10	5	41	sunny
Cromer	4.2	-	6	43	sunny
Lowestoft	*				
Clacton	1.0	.06	3	37	cloudy
Folkestone	6.0	-	4	39	sunny
Hastings	5.4	-	3	37	sunny
Brighton	7.3	-	3	37	sunny
Bognor R	4.9	-	3	37	sunny
Southsea	6.5	-	4	39	sunny
Shanklin	6.2	-	*	*	sunny
Bournemouth	3.9	-	4	39	sunny
Swanage	6.6	-	4	39	sunny
Weymouth	6.4	-	5	41	sunny
Exmouth	6.8	-	3	37	sunny
Torquay	4.4	-	5	41	sunny
Falmouth	5.4	-	4	39	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.0	-	7	45	sunny
Guernsey	6.5	-	6	43	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	-	4	39	sunny
Minehead	0.5	-	3	37	bright
Morecambe	6.2	-	1	34	sunny
Douglas	*	-	5	41	bright
Carlisle	0.5	-	-2	28	bright
Nottingham	4.0	-	4	39	sunny
Anglesey	5.6	-	5	41	sunny
Tenby	4.7	-	5	41	sunny
Aviemore	-	-	3	37	sleet
Lerwick	-	.07	8	46	rain
Prestwick	2.3	-	2	36	cloudy
Tiree	5.4	-	6	43	sunny
Wick	-	.05	7	45	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Wednesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.57	6.2	5.33	6.3
Aberdeen	4.57	3.6	4.44	3.8
Avonmouth	10.17	10.8	10.42	10.3
Belfast	2.34	2.9	2.51	3.4
Cardiff	10.02	10.1	10.27	9.6
Devonport	8.46	4.9	9.12	4.5
Dover	2.09	6.1	2.25	5.6
Falmouth	8.16	4.7	8.42	4.3
Glasgow	4.16	4.2	4.00	4.7
Harwich	2.49	3.5	3.21	3.4
Holyhead	1.38	4.6	1.47	4.9
Hull	9.48	6.1	9.43	6.4
Ilfracombe	9.12	7.7	9.38	7.2
Leith	6.09	4.6	6.25	4.7
Liverpool	2.23	7.9	2.39	8.0
Lowestoft	12.17	2.4	1.33	2.1
Margate	3.00	4.3	3.38	4.2
Milford Haven	9.36	5.9	10.02	5.5
Newquay	8.30	6.0	8.57	5.6
Oban	8.48	3.4	9.34	3.1
Penzance	7.52	4.9	8.20	4.5
Portland	9.39	1.8	10.20	1.5
Portsmouth	2.46	4.1	2.49	4.0
Shoreham	2.17	5.5	2.28	5.2
Southampton	2.15	3.9	2.17	3.8
Swansea	9.38	8.0	10.00	7.6
Tees	7.20	4.5	7.21	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	2.44	3.7	3.21	3.6

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

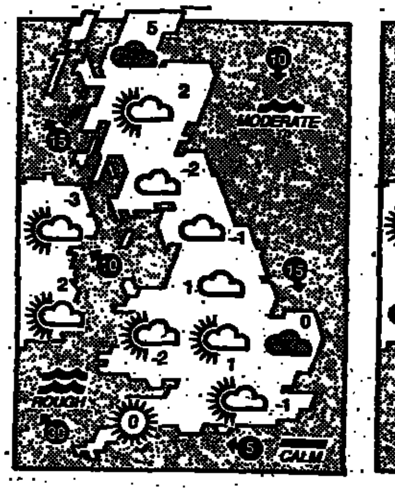
THE POUND

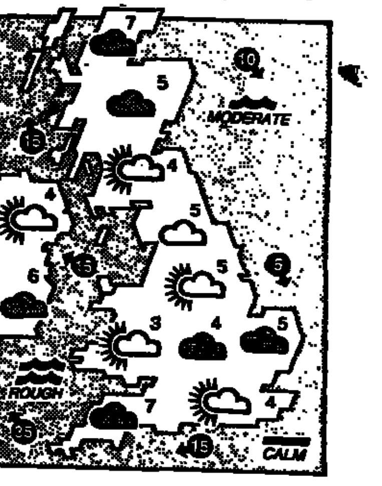
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.665	2.525
Austria Sch	21.65	20.75
Belgium Fr	65.20	62.00
Canada $	2.46	2.34
Denmark Kr	12.00	11.40
Finland Mk	7.68	7.28
France Fr	10.50	10.00
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	265	245
Hong Kong $	14.50	13.80
Ireland Pt	1.172	1.112
Italy Lira	2285	2175
Japan Yen	247.50	235.50
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.325
Norway Kr	12.14	11.49
Portugal Esc	252.50	239.50
South Africa Rd	4.60	3.90
Spain Pta	209.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	11.26	10.71
Switzerland Fr	2.525	2.405
USA $	1.90	1.81
Yugoslavia Dnr	3100	2400

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.8 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed down 19.7 at 1618.6.





LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.5hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 2C (36F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C(27F). Rain: to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Butt of Lewis, 9C (48F); lowest day max: Lisburn, Co Antrim, -2C (28F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Hebrides, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 7.9hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	-2	28	Guernsey	s	2	36
B'rmghm	c	1	34	Inverness	f	4	39
Blackpool	c	2	36	Jersey	s	1	34
Bristol	s	2	36	London	s	6	43
Cardiff	s	3	37	M'chster	c	0	32
Edinburgh	c	3	37	Newcastle	c	4	39
Glasgow	s	2	36	R'ldsway	c	6	43

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.27 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.36 am
Edinburgh 4.09 pm to 8.04 am
Manchester 4.19 pm to 7.45 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.42 am

Sun rises: 7.58 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon sets 12.01 pm
Moon rises 9.55 pm
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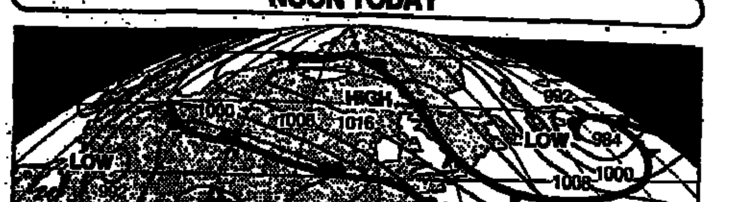
NOON TODAY



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PART 2

THE TIMES

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 1987

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1285.0 (–12.6)

FT-SE 100
1619.6 (–19.7)

Bargains
25469 (21136)

USM (Datastream)
127.48 (–1.82)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8280 (+0.0240)

W German mark
2.9952 (–0.0021)

Trade-weighted
76.0 (+0.2)

GUS 15% ahead at £155m

Great Universal Stores, the mail order, shops and financial services company, yesterday turned in its usual solid performance with a 15.6 per cent rise in pretax profits to £155.4 million in the six months to September 30 from £134.4 million in the corresponding half last year. Turnover was *£1.23 billion* compared with £1.12 billion.

Mr Harold Bowman, the joint deputy chairman, denied that GUS had lost market share to rivals in the British catalogue market, claiming that the company currently has about 43 per cent of the market. GUS is also sitting on more than £300 million cash which will be used for expansion and acquisitions. The interim dividend rises 12.5 per cent from 8p to 9p.

Dowty ahead

Dowty Group is raising its interim dividend from 2.6p to 2.8p a share after reporting pretax profits of £26.4 million for the six months ended September 30 compared with £22.9 million. Turnover rose from £256.5 million to £292.8 million. **Tempus, page 20**

Pilkington up

A sharp drop in a major customer's market share pushed Pilkington's US glass business for automotive-manufacture into loss in the six months to end-September. Despite this, group profits rose 41 per cent to £122.1 million.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1893.24 (-9.28)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	23280.84 (+395.14)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2027.67 (+42.69)
Amsterdam: Gen	207.6 (+5.0)
Sydney: AO	1235.9 (–1.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1317.1 (+6.1)
Brussels:	
General	3649.4 (+57.1)
Paris: CAC	277.4 (+3.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen	416.9 (+4.4)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	814.17 (–7.43)
FT.– "500"	897.28 (–9.29)
FT. Gold Mines	324.3 (–0.5)
FT. Fixed interest	96.52 (+0.03)
FT. Govt Secs	88.94 (–0.23)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Minet Holdings	465p (+176p)
LWT Holdings	855p (+24p)
Syltone	390p (+40p)
A Cohen	475p (+25p)
Britoil	293½p (+16½p)
CE Heath	391p (+22p)
Simon Eng.	221p (+14p)
Firstland	48p (+12p)
LASMO	268p (+18p)
Really Useful	470p (+15p)
Chamberlin & Hill	132½p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Thorn EMI	527½p (–24p)
BOC	361½p (–16p)
Redland	371½p (–17p)
Vibroplant	525p (–20p)
Kleinwort Benson	282½p (–17p)
Christies Intnl.	300p (–18p)
J Mowlem	337½p (–14p)
Sun Life	875p (–15p)
Shell	967½p (–17p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month Interbank 8⁹⁄₁₆-8½%
3-month eligible bills: 8¼-8⁷⁄₃₂%
buying rate
US: *Prime Rate* 8¾%
Federal Funds 6¹³⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.79-5.77%*
30-year bonds 95⁷⁄₃₂-95³⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8280	£: $1.8290*
£: *DM2.9952*	$: *DM1.6390**
£: SwFr2.4459	$: SwFr1.3365*
£: FFr10.1774	$: FFr5.5660*
£: Yen236.63	$: Yen129.65*
£: Index:76.0	$: Index:94.2
ECU £0.688529	SDR £0.755735

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $484.50 pm-$488.00
close $487.25-487.75 (£266.50-267.00)
New York:
Comex $489.20-489.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent *(Jan.)* pm $18.10bbl ($18.03)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Record deficit hits markets

US figures set new test for Reagan

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The United States trade deficit surged to a record $17.63 billion in October, providing a new test for the Reagan Administration's controversial dollar policy.

Financial markets were stunned by the trade figures, which were far worse than had been expected. *Shares on Wall* Street dropped by 50 points in 15 minutes after the figures were released.

The dollar *also plunged to* record lows, but stabilized after the US Federal Reserve Board intervened, with the Bundesbank and the Swiss National Bank, to check the currency's fall.

US Commerce Department officials said yesterday that the big rise in motor car imports from Japan and Korea and another large increase in oil *imports were* responsible for the record monthly deficit.

Mr James Wright, the *Speaker of the House of* Representatives, assailed the White House trade policy yesterday, saying there were signs that the administration was re-examining its dollar policy to prevent further steep *declines. He said the passage* of new trade legislation would be a priority when Congress reconvenes in January.

Wall Street analysts had predicted that the October deficit would widen, but by no *more than from $14 billion to* $16 billion. Analysts said a rise of more than $15 billion would send a dangerous, negative signal to world financial markets.

US officials said yesterday that the trade deficit in the first 10 months of the year was growing at a record annual rate of $175 billion, surpassing last year's record of $156.2 billion.

The deficit last month rose sharply, despite a rise in exports to $21.8 *billion*, as the US continued to consume a record amount of imports, which rose to $39.4 billion *from $35.1 billion.*

Oil imports were up sharply in both dollar and volume terms, by 10.4 per cent and 9.9 *per cent respectively. Imports* of manufactured goods also rose.

As a result, the US deficit with Japan grew by more than $550 million. With the oil producing nations, the deficit rose from $1.56 billion to $1.73 billion.

The deficit with Western Europe widened to $3 billion.

Mr William Verity, the US *Commerce Secretary, blamed* the dismal trade performance on the currency policies of the newly industrialized nations *in the Far East.*

His remarks were seen as a strong signal that the US will increase pressure on Korea, *Taiwan*, Hong Kong, and Singapore

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Dollar in worldwide slump

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The US trade figures pushed the dollar sharply lower, and produced a sharp markdown in share prices. Dealers had expected an October trade deficit of no more than $16 billion, and the actual figure of $17.63 billion produced a wave of dollar selling. It ended sharply lower against the yen, at Y129.45, down from Y132.20, the first time it has been below the Y130 level.

Against the mark, the dollar fell by nearly 2.5 pfennigs to DM1.6385, while the pound rose by 2.4 cents to $1.8280.

Share prices in London fell *sharply on the announcement* of the trade figures. At one stage the FT-SE 100 index was more than 50 points down. *But shares recovered*, and the index closed only 19.7 points down, at 1,619.6.

On Wall Street last night, the *Dow Jones* industrial average was down 11.44 points, at 1,891.08.

Although the trade figures were much worse than the markets were expecting, dealers took the view that part of the deterioration was erratic.

Technical factors, and in particular position-squaring in the dollar before the end of the year, also limited financial market movements.

Japanese 'gaining control' of surplus

(Reuter) — Japan is showing signs that it may be finally *gaining control of the huge* trade surplus that has antagonized its trading partners, economists said.

The country's November trade surplus, announced yesterday by the Finance Ministry, plunged to $4.74 billion, from $6.81 billion in October — the seventh successive monthly drop.

"The fall, the largest this year, helps confirm that the trade surplus is now in a downtrend," said Mr Toshiaki Kakimoto, the chief economist for Sumitomo Bank.

Japan's November surplus with the United States, which *also showed the biggest drop* this year, marks an improving trade position with Washington, he said. November's *trade surplus with the US* was $4.20 billion, against $4.89 billion a year ago, and $4.99 billion in October.

The greatest encouragement from Japan's November trade data was a 49 per cent rise in imports, especially as Japan was buying manufactured goods as well as raw materials, Mr Kakimoto said.

As imports jumped to $14.17 billion, exports rose to $18.91 billion, an 11.8 per cent increase on November 1986.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry also issued a report yesterday, *noting that November exports* by volume, rather than value, rose only 0.2 per cent from October. Shipments of cars, steel, televisions and video tape recorders registered declines.

Imports, on the other hand, grew 23.2 per cent in volume, the ministry said.

Mr Kazutoshi Habamura, an economist at Nikko Research Center, said active Japanese buying of foreign goods mainly reflected the robust domestic economy, which is likely to help maintain the gradual decline in the trade surplus.

But he voiced concern over the rapid rise in imports. Active buying of timber and oil in November, for example, *could fill warehouses and slow* imports in coming months, he said.

Japan also boosted its imports from the US in November by 40 per cent, while exports edged up only 2 per cent. A Finance Ministry official said the rise in imports from the US was mainly due to purchases of lumber, office equipment and aircraft.

Japan's November trade surplus with the European Economic Community was $1.11 billion and with South-east Asia, $706.3 million.

Bright hopes: Sir Graham (left) and Colin Southgate, chief executive (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Thorn EMI advances 46%

By Carol Ferguson

Thorn EMI, the diversified electronics group, announced a strong interim performance yesterday, in line with analysts' expectations. Pretax profits for the period to end-September jumped 46 per cent to £60.7 million, on turnover down 5 per cent to £1.4 billion.

Sir Graham Wilkins, the chairman, said that the interim dividend, which was increased by 20 per cent to 6p, had been raised by more than last year's final in percentage terms. "This signals the confidence we have in the remaining half of the year," he said. However, he also gave a warning that the rate of profit growth achieved in the first half may not be sustained.

In a very weak stock market, the shares fell sharply on the announcement, but inched up during the afternoon to reach 530p.

Thorn also announced, on behalf of its silicon chip subsidiary Inmos, that it was closing its Colorado Springs pilot plant and transferring its activities to Newport, Gwent, for an annual saving of $20 million (£11 million). This move, which is the final step in the planned restructuring of Inmos's manufacturing capability, *will involve* the loss of about 300 jobs at Colorado

Sir Graham said the closure was painful in human terms, but was necessary for the good of Inmos while it continued to look for a partner. He declined to predict when Inmos would move into profit.

"We have not yet received an offer for Inmos, although there have been plenty of visits and plenty of discussion", Sir Graham said.

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Minet agrees £400m US bid

By Alison Eadie

Minet, the Lloyd's insurance broker, yesterday agreed to a £400 million cash bid from St Paul Companies, the Minnesota, US, insurance broker which has owned a 26 per cent stake for the past six years.

Minet's other large shareholder, Corroon & Black, the US insurance broking group, has not been consulted about the offer, although the two Corroon directors on Minet's board voted in support of St Paul's offer. Corroon only last month raised its stake to *29.9* per cent from 25 per cent, saying the extra shares were for "investment purposes."

A counterbid from Corroon is considered unlikely, because of the generosity of St Paul's offer and St Paul's greater size and financial strength. The bid is worth 475p a share, 185p above the prevailing market price. Minet shares closed last night at 465p.

St Paul is one of the largest property and liability insurance groups in America and has net assets of $1.75 billion (£961.54 million).

Mr Ray Petit, the chairman of Minet, said that in an increasingly tough world, it was a tremendous help to have *the backing of a group like* St Paul. Minet will continue to be run as an autonomous unit with its management structure *unchanged.* "We will be *in* a more financially powerful position to expand the business," Mr Petit said.

There has been speculation about a possible bid from either of Minet's two big shareholders since the PCW affair at Lloyd's was settled in the summer. Minet used to own the loss stricken PCW underwriting agencies.

The insurance broking sector has been under pressure in recent months due to weakening rates on many types of business and the falling dollar. Minet has performed better than many of its competitors. In the nine months to the end of September it made pretax profits 13 per cent higher at £27.9 million.

Eurotunnel shares drop £1

By Joe Joseph

Shares in Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium building the Channel tunnel, lost about a quarter of their value on the first day's trading.

The deep discount reflected the undersubscription of both the British and French tranches of last last month's £770 million share issue, the absence of travel perks for those who buy the shares now, and the slack left with the underwriters. About 112,000 British private investors applied for shares and 200,000 in France.

The shares — which were offered at 350p each, including one warrant — began dealings at 284p and swiftly fell in light volume to 253p, ex-warrant, ending the day at 250p. The warrants fared better, rising from an early 10p to a peak of 14p before closing at 12.5p.

Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's British co-chairman, said he was not disappointed by the debut. "There has been no dumping of shares. It is a professional adjustment period that one expected. When prices will turn up again — which they should — or whether they will sink further, I don't know."

Sears welcomes Al-Fayed stake

By Our City Staff

Sears, the Selfridges stores group, yesterday welcomed the link-up with House of Fraser, which owns Harrods.

After days of City speculation, the wealthy Al-Fayed family, which owns House of Fraser, confirmed it had bought 8.2 per cent in Sears from Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur. When added to stock market purchases, this gives the family a 10 per cent holding — the largest in Sears.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman of Sears, said he was pleased that the Al-Fayeds looked on their £200 million stake as a long-term investment.

"We have been in a state of uncertainty for some time and that affects morale right throughout the business.

"Everyone has been asking whether something was going to happen. We already have good trading links with House of Fraser, having concessions in some of their stores, and I am looking forward to a happy working relationship with Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed, whom I have known for some time. It takes the heat off us and allows us to get on with running the business," said Mr Maitland Smith.

Sears shares fell 12p to 136p on the stock market yesterday on the news that the stake was not being built up as a platform for a takeover bid.

Mr Holmes à Court was understood to have sold his holding in Sears at 145p a share against the 160p he is thought to have paid.

County poised to buy Wood Mac

By Richard Thomson and Geoffrey Foster

Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroking and market-making firm, is to be sold to County NatWest, the merchant banking and securities arm of National Westminster Bank.

The move is expected to result in substantial redundancies at Wood Mac and possibly at County, although the two firms fit together well in many areas. While Wood Mac is strong in equity research, County has never built up a strong team of analysts. County has also not excelled in market-making since Big Bang.

But there are certain to be some areas of overlap, which will require staff reductions, and since the stock market crash, securities firms have started cutting costs as the sharp drop in market turnover has hit hopes of a profitable second half.

County has already dismissed some employees for their handling of customers' accounts during the share price collapse and last week cut the basic salary of its seven top executives by 20 per cent.

Wood Mac has 150 employees and County NatWest has more than 1,000.

Meanwhile, two senior executives have resigned from the London securities arm of Union Bank of Switzerland, which also plans to make about 15 employees redundant out of a total staff of about 300. Mr Peter Engström, the managing director of the primary Eurobond operation, and Mr Cees Mörman, the head of money market instruments, have left the company. Mr Engström was said to have been earning more than £300,000.

The 15 redundancies are the result of a review of staff performances, which revealed some employees operating unsatisfactorily. Those being made redundant would be replaced through new recruitment next year, the company said. UBS also owns Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker

Certificates worth millions sent to the wrong people

Rolls-Royce shares blunder

By Cliff Feltham

A serious blunder has led to share certificates worth millions of pounds, and thousands of pounds in dividends, being sent to former investors in Rolls-Royce, the newly privatized aero-engine group. Many of the cheques have been cashed.

A special task force has been set up by the company's registrars, National Westminster Bank, to sort out the problem. Some people who sold their shares on allotment letters earlier in the year have also been sent certificates and are understood to have sold the shares over again.

"It is the biggest problem I have faced in 30 years in the business," said Mr Bernard Ward, head of the registrars' department in Bristol.

Some stockbroking firms are now refusing to sell Rolls-Royce shares for clients until they have *authenticated the* ownership. The Stock Exchange has warned members to keep a close watch on Rolls-Royce transactions.

A total of 15,000 share certificates have been sent out in error. The problem was caused by the change of ownership not being registered in time, so that the registrars began sending out certificates to people who sold their shares soon after trading started in May.

The registrars have written asking them to return the certificates and dividend cheques immediately, although it is thought some investors have already sold the shares. A typical investor who held 200 shares would have collected an interim dividend cheque for £3.50. At yesterday's market prices this number of *shares would be worth £208.*

Mr Ward said yesterday: "We know that some of these dividend cheques have been cashed. We do not know what the position is yet regarding the recovery of the money. It is most unfortunate. It is the first time in 30 years that I have come across a problem like this.

"We have a task force looking at the problem. We are trying to stop any further dividend payments being sent. *We are not being complacent about this.* We are very, very concerned about it."

Four clearing banks handled the issue — NatWest, Midland, Barclays, and the Royal Bank of Scotland — and according to Mr Ward were caught out by the scale of the demand for the shares. The issue was hugely successful, with nearly 2 million people applying for more than 10 times the number of shares on offer.

A spokesman for NatWest said: "More than 2 million applications for Rolls-Royce shares, well in excess of the original number anticipated, were processed by four receiving bankers. It is due to a systems failure that incorrect documents were issued to some 15,000 investors. This is less than 1 per cent of the applicants. The registrars have sent a *letter of explanation with a reply-paid* envelope for the return of the certificates and dividend cheques."

A spokesman for Rolls-Royce said: "It is disappointing that the full information was not supplied to the registrars. But we are not expecting to bear any of the costs *in this matter.*"

The Stock Exchange said: "People who received cheques should return them. They belong to the new owners of the shares."

Godfray Derby, the broker — part of the National Investment Group — has *written to clients who have inadvertently* received Rolls-Royce certificates, saying: "On no account attempt to sell them again."

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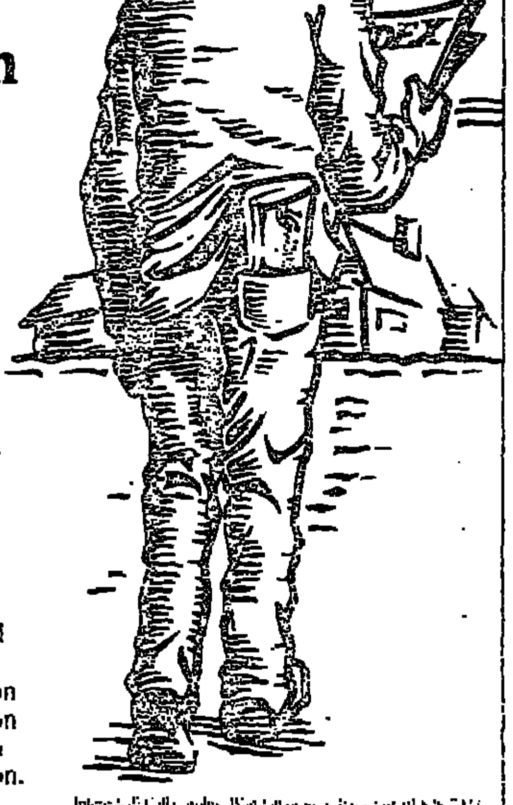

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Higher rental income helps Greycoat rise

Greycoat Group, which has a large development programme as well as high exposure to the central London office market, said the 63 per cent rise in interim pretax profits it reported yesterday reflected higher rental income from recently developed properties and from its existing property portfolio. Pretax profits climbed from £3.88 million to £6.33 million in the six months to September 30. Rental income totalled £5.46 million, while property sales chipped in £1.01 million.

But directors of the fast-expanding group reckon that results for the full year will show an increased level of profits from property sales. Greycoat, which in September paid Scottish Amicable £45 million for the Moor House site in the City of London, is planning to develop three sites in Washington DC to provide office space. Earnings per share grew from 4.9p to 7.8p. Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 1.6p, a third better than for the first half of the previous year.

East Anglia Abaco buy

Abaco Investments, the financial services group being taken over by British & Commonwealth Holdings, is paying £2.25 million for Norfolk & Suffolk, an East Anglian financial and insurance services group. The purchase, in cash, is being made through Provincial Trust, Abaco's banking subsidiary. N&S made pretax profits in the year to December 31 1986 of £204,000 on a turnover of £804,000.

£2.2m profit at Western

Western Selection, the cable manufacturer and portfolio dealer, reports pretax profits of £2.2 million for the year ended September, compared with £1.2 million, and is raising the final dividend to 1.9p (1.7p) a share making 3.4p (3p) for the year. The group, which generated "satisfactory profits" from share dealing, has, however, made a £245,000 provision to adjust for recent lower stock market values.

Campbell acquisition

Campbell & Armstrong, the office and shopfitting company quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, is buying Kaymar Industrial Furniture and Apollo Spare Systems for £2.1 million. Kaymar is a market leader in industrial furniture, while Apollo designs and sells louvred panelled shelving and point-of-sale display systems mainly manufactured from extruded aluminium.

The acquisitions are being financed by a vendor placing of 1.6 million shares, of which 1.2 million will be conditionally placed at 135p each. Campbell shareholders can apply for 1.3 million of the shares on a one-for-seven basis or more, depending on demand. In the year ended September 3 Kaymar and Apollo made profits before tax of £403,581 on a turnover of £3.8 million.

Gas oil lots exceed 1m

The International Petroleum Exchange's gas oil contract has passed the 1 million traded lots mark, equivalent to 100 million tonnes, in 1987 – the first time it has passed this level in a calendar year. Turnover has grown 100 per cent in the last 18 months and daily open interest exceeds 40,000 lots. Mr Peter Wildblood, the IPE chief executive, said the success reflects the consistent level of recent activity.

Mellerware to change name

Mellerware International, the loss-making kitchen appliance manufacturer, is changing its name to Beacon Group, restructuring some of its share capital and raising £583,000 through a share placing. It is also acquiring two companies. Aerocoldform, which makes cold-formed engineering components, will cost £850,000 and Pressmark, a manufacturer of domestic appliance pressings, £767,000.

Bradstock interim up

Bradstock Group, the Lloyd's broker, made pretax profits in the year to the end of September of £6.6 million, a rise of 32 per cent. Turnover also rose 32 per cent, to £13.1 million. The company anticipates increased growth in turnover, particularly in direct insurance, but expects future expansion to be at a more modest rate. The professional indemnity business continues to grow.

Rates are being maintained in non-marine business and additional capacity is slowly returning, but not yet at such a pace as to depress rates. Bradstock is increasing its market share in each of the three main classes, particularly non-marine, but, with pressure on rates, growth will not be maintained at the same rate as in the past, the company said. Earnings per share rose to from 12.9p 17.8p, and the total dividend was raised to 5p, from 3.75p.

£2.07m for Waterglade

Waterglade International, the property company which came to the market in April, lifted pretax profits for the half year to September 30 to £2.07 million (£1.59 million), though earnings per share dipped from 6.45p to 6.14p. The company's turnover more than doubled, reaching £7.02 million. There is a first-time interim dividend payment of 1.5p.

Wagon rises to £3.4m

Wagon Industrial Holdings, the office equipment to engineering group, raised pretax profits from £3.1 million to £3.4 million in the first half, on turnover up from £43.1 million to nearly £53 million. Mr Paul Taylor, the chairman, says the results reflect strong profit improvements in material handling, storage and engineering. The interim dividend is 4.5p (4p).

STOCK MARKET

Record US trade deficit halts recovery in shares

By Geoffrey Foster

It was back to square one for the equity market yesterday as a mood of depression returned following publication of an appalling set of US trade figures for October. More than £13 billion was wiped off share values in less than a couple of hours as dealers reacted nervously to news of the record deficit of $17.63 billion.

The fragile confidence which had been growing slowly throughout the week was shattered at a stroke by the US statistics which immediately put renewed pressure on the dollar and led to fears of another worldwide stock market crash developing.

Market-makers quickly went on the defensive on hearing about the deficit and cut prices. Many brokers were again left to bemoan the fact that for some considerable time it was impossible to deal. Either the market-makers would not answer the telephone or would be unwilling to deal on the Seaq screen prices.

Nevertheless, share prices did stage a useful recovery as the central banks intervened to support the dollar and Wall Street showed signs of a rally. Closing levels were well above the lowest of the day.

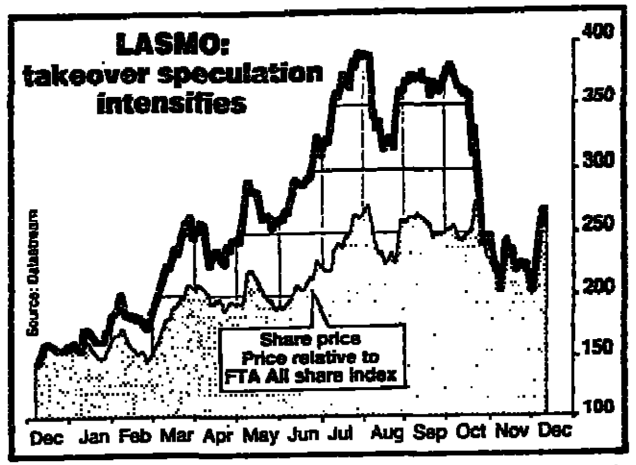
The FT-SE 100 share index, which had started this account with a three-day rally of 56.5 points and was standing a further 18 points higher just after lunch yesterday, reacted dramatically on the US news to stand 54 points lower at one stage before closing 19.7 points down on the session at 1,619.6. The FT 30 share index closed down 12.6 at 1,285.0.

Government stocks closed with falls ranging to £½ in sympathy with the decline of the US bond market which reflected fears that US interest rates might have to rise.

The leading dollar earners were obviously vulnerable. ICI ended 35p down at 993p, Jaguar 17p lower at 258p and Coats Viyella down 18p at 230p.

London and Scottish Marine Oil, the independent oil company, continued to make strong progress as takeover hopes intensified. Its price jumped 23p to 273p as about 2.5 million shares changed hands.

Activity in Lasmo has heightened considerably ever since the raid on **Britoil** by BP earlier this week, inducing strong support for other takeover favourites in the sector. Dealers are now of the opinion that it is just a matter of time before Lasmo attracts a predator.



RTZ, the mining conglomerate, is sitting on a 29 per cent stake in Lasmo. It is allowed to make a bid after December 20, 1988 and most operators feel that the opportunity will not be ignored.

When Lasmo increased its stake in its rival, **Enterprise** Oil, to 24.5 per cent last month, most operators believed it was purely a defensive move and that Lasmo was only running from a bid for itself, from RTZ.

However, rumours of mergers between Lasmo and Enterprise have been rife this year, but the issue is complicated by the Government's "golden share" in Enterprise, which expires at the end of next year and by the presence of ICI, which owns a 25 per cent stake in Enterprise.

One theory being put forward by Lasmo-watchers yesterday was that RTZ will bid for both Lasmo and Enterprise and the whole new group will be headed by Mr Chris Greentree, the Canadian chief executive at Lasmo.

Wood Mackenzie, the broker, meanwhile, rates Lasmo shares a "hold" on fundamentals. It believes that Lasmo has a strong production profile on an international basis, from interests in the US, Africa and Indonesia.

The latest discovery in South-east Sumatra has underlined the attraction of its Indonesian portfolio. The shares present good value for the longer term.

Enterprise closed 2p easier at 235p, after 240p.

Elsewhere in the oil sector, **Britoil**, the North Sea exploration and production company, advanced by a further 17p to 294p on a turnover of 45 million shares.

After the markets closed on Tuesday, BP revealed itself as the mystery buyer of 75 million Britoil shares at 300p – a 14.9 per cent stake – and at the same time launched a tender offer aimed at taking its holding to 29.9 per cent at a total cost of £453 million.

A large unidentified buyer was active in the market yesterday and this gave rise to some speculation that a counter bid for Britoil could be made before BP's tender offer closes next Wednesday atabout £4 a share.

Shares of BP, meanwhile, closed 3p lower at 247p, while the "new" shares ended 1p lower at 71.5p, perilously close to the 70p Bank of England safety net level. It was confirmed yesterday that the Kuwait Investment Office now holds an 11.52 per cent stake in BP.

Sears, the Selfridges, Saxone stores and William Hill betting shops group, dropped 13p to 136p as 18 million shares changed hands.

The revelation in *The Times* yesterday that the wealthy Al-Fayed family, which owns Harrods, had bought Mr Robert Holmes à Court's 8.2 per cent stake in Sears worth about £220 million purely as a long-term investment came as a big blow to speculators who had piled into Sears throughout the session on Wednesday in the hope that Mr Holmes a Court's stake had gone to a hostile predator.

However, there was rebound from a low of 133p yesterday as a nosey large buyer began stalking the shares and, for a while, dealers were talking of a possible stake-building operation by another party.

One suggested that Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland of Lonrho was probably disappointed to see the Australian entrepreneur's stake go to the Al-Fayeds. He would now ensure that the family would have a fight on their hands if they should suddenly decide to make a takeover play for Sears by building a stake in Sears himself.

Meanwhile, Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank in which Mr Robert Holmes à Court holds a 5.2 per cent stake through Dewey Warren, his Lloyd's broking company, met with nervous selling on fears that Mr Holmes à Court will now sell his stake in MG. The shares closed 6p down at 220p.

Paragon Communications, the public relations group, staged a highly satisfactory debut on the main market. Placed at 80p, the shares raced away to touch 101p before, closing at 91p for an opening premium of 11p.

This was in complete contrast to the opening day "flop" experienced by Eurotunnel, which despite the stock market crash, attracted some 112,000 small investors.

A sizeable discount had been expected, but shares of Eurotunnel, offered for sale at 350p a share, opened with a 70p discount and fell away steadily to close at 250p, a discount of £1.

● York Mount, the USM-listed trailer hire, property and printing company, came in for persistent speculative support yesterday. Its shares closed 5p up at 65p. Whispers in the market suggested that the company is on the verge of making a further significant acquisition.

● Shares of Hampden Homecare, the Texas Homecare franchise holder in Northern Ireland, advanced 5p to 71p amid vague takeover speculation. The company, is said to be on Ladbroke's Christmas shopping list. Ladbroke already owns a 29.9 per cent stake in it.

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Banks move towards harmony

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

International bank supervisors from 12 industrialized countries yesterday published proposals for the harmonization of rules governing bank capital and risk asset ratios.

It is the first step in constructing a worldwide system of banking supervision which will eliminate competitive inequalities between banks subject to different regulatory rules.

For the first time, off-balance sheet risks are brought into the supervisory framework, while a common definition of bank capital is set out and a minimum capital adequacy ratio is suggested.

Mr Brian Quinn, head of banking supervison at the Bank of England, described the agreement as a "significant step forward" because it was the first time the risk-asset measure had been generally accepted by countries such as the US and Japan. The measure enables different levels of risk to be weighted differently, rather than with the simple gearing system currently used in many countries.

Two levels of capital are defined in the proposal. One is "core," or Tier 1, capital and includes equity and disclosed reserves. This must make up at least half of a bank's total capital. "Supplementary", or Tier 2, capital includes undisclosed reserves, revalued reserves, general provisions and debt instruments.

Banks will be required to maintain a capital adequacy ratio of 8 per cent of assets, once the rules come fully into effect in 1992 after a phasing-in period – although France and West Germany have so far refused to accept the 8 per cent level at this stage.

The consultative period will last until the middle of next year when final rules will be drawn up. But bankers in London are worried that the whole process may become bogged down in endless negotiations where nothing is finally agreed. One disagreement evident in yesterday's document is on capital definitions, where West Germany wants all capital to be of Tier 1 quality.

Another area of discussion is on how general loan loss provision should be included in capital. The proposals specify that no provisions set aside for specific losses may be used as capital, but in many countries – such as the US – there is no clear distinction between general and specific provisions.

TEMPUS

US problems for Pilkington

Having a very large customer is fine when it does well, but is quite a different story if it does not. So it is not necessarily a bad thing for half the sales at Libbey-Owens-Ford, Pilkington's US glass subsidiary, to go to automotive manufacturers, but it is worrying that General Motors is by far its largest customer.

General Motors' 42 per cent market share has been vulnerable for some time, but this year's drop to 32 per cent was larger and more rapid than expected.

So trading in this part of LOF's business plunged into significant losses. The swing of more than £10 million on a like-for-like basis, when other parts of LOF traded successfully, indicates the severity of the shortfall.

To counteract this, connections are being cultivated with Japanese manufacturers in the US, while some plant is being rededicated to make building products.

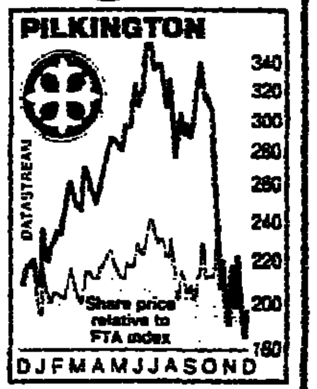
Elsewhere, the picture is less gloomy. Building industry demand is strong and ophthalmic products are relatively recession-proof. The European glass market has at last reached capacity equilibrium. Demand is firm and prices are responding.

Despite all this, cost savings from the rationalization programme were an important contributor to the near trebling of European profits.

Much is being banked on the faster growth rates of Pilkington's newer businesses, including ophthalmics, electro-optical and defence. The first mentioned business is now capable of earning £50 million a year.

BTR has not sold the shares retained after its failed bid a year ago. To bid again in January would cause another political furore, but the stake could be usefully passed on to someone else.

Annual pretax profits should comfortably pass the £300 million mark. Earnings of 26p put the shares on a p-e of 7.3 times. Leaving aside bid speculation, the shares are fairly valued.



Dowty

Dowty Group is worth remembering when the dollar stops falling out of bed. It has enjoyed a reasonable first half and speaks of good order books, although the group gave a warning that there could be some currency nasties in the second half.

That takes some of the gloss off what is still a fundamentally sound business, and while dollar uncertainty lasts, the general investment appetite will remain muted.

However, acquisition benefits are starting to come through; there was a respectable profit advance within the information technology group, and more headway by electronic systems and the aerospace division. Mining, as expected, remains unexciting, but the industrial division posted a 40 per cent advance to help see group operating profits turn out £5.3 million higher at £29.4 million.

The pace of acquisitions has taken its toll on the interest charge, which jumped from £1.27 million to £3.2 million, lifting gearing to 35 per cent. But with interest cover a healthy 9.3 times, Dowty remains relaxed. If the right opportunities come along, Dowty could be dealing.

Year-end estimates have been trimmed from £67 million to £62 million, with dollar concern accounting for at least £2 million of the reduction. But yesterday's 6p advance to 149p, where they trade on 8.3 times earnings, rightly suggests that the shares are still worth following.

Thorn's troubles

Thorn EMI's painful restructuring of the past few years is almost behind it, and the group is increasingly confident of its prospects for growth. Nevertheless, it would be surprising if a group as diversified as Thorn did not have its trouble spots.

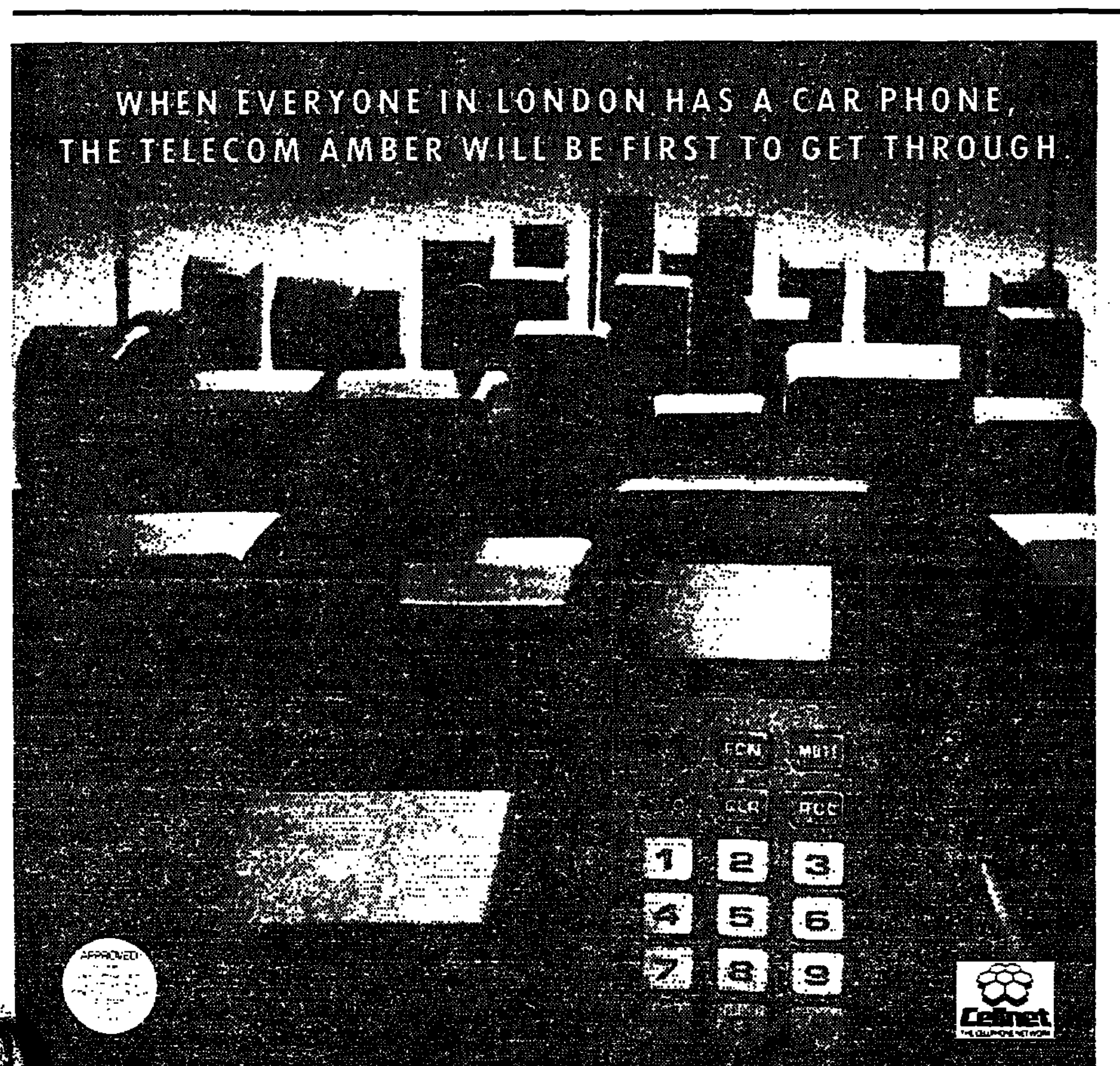
Chief among these is Inmos. The cost savings resulting from the transfer from Colorado Springs to Newport are material, but selling prices of static RAMs have gone through the floor, making it, once more, impossible to predict when Inmos will finally break into profit.

In brown goods, Rumbelows is also going through a very tough patch which has nothing to do with the stock market crash. The trend of sales has been declining both in the United States and Britain

Ironically, it is good old rentals which are proving to be the mainstay of the business. Television and video rental is reckoned to be better than recession-proof. There is considerable evidence that when the going gets tough, the existing customer base stays loyal, while consumers who would otherwise have bought often turn to rental. All of which tends to make the acquisition of the US Rent-A-Center look shrewd

The £1 million negative currency impact in the first half will rise to £5 million for the year as a whole at the current exchange rate as Rent-A-Center will be contributing for the full six months. But with gearing down to 15 per cent, borrowings are now under control.

Analysts are looking for pretax profits in the region of £220 million for the year as a whole to give a prospective multiple of 10.5. Even after yesterday's price falls, the shares have been outperforming the market and investors may now see a period of consolidation.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COMPANY NEWS

ABE back in the black

The six months to end-September produced a profit of just £23,000 for Associated British Engineering, on a turnover of £12.09 million. But that was better than last time, when there was a £40,000 loss on a £12.29 million turnover. Last October's £4.5 million rights issue has left the group in a strong enough position financially to weather the economic uncertainties, the board says.

$12m gold deal

American Gold Resources Corporation has conluded agreements with Paringa Mining, the investment finance house, under which Paringa's US subsidiary will invest $12 million (£6.59 million), payable over 18 months, to purchase three million new common shares of AGR and one million warrants.

Trevian purchase

Trevian Holdings has reached agreement to acquire 22,612 ordinary shares in Mirra Holdings, representing 45 per cent of the issued share capital of Mirra, for a consideration of £290,000.

Bogod dividend

Bogod-Pelepah is doubling its interim dividend to 0.1p from 0.5p for the half year to September 30. Turnover rose to £2.9 million from £2.6 million and pretax profit was up to £93,529 from £49,106.

Leisure soars

Turnover at Tomorrow's Leisure climbed to £2.29 billion from £1.37 billion for the six months to September 30, with pretax profit up to £38.36 million from £28.91 million. The company is missing the payout. Earnings per share rose to 0.28p from 0.26p)

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Abbey	559	Coats	1,447	Land Sec	2,333	Rowntree	877
Alld-Lyons	1,869	CU	2,777	Laporte	2	Royal Bank	1,058
Amstrad	1,758	Cons Gold	760	L&G	683	Royal Ins	3,617
ASDA	3,919	Cookson	1,308	Lloyds	1,083	Saatchi	1,539
AB Foods	241	Courtaulds	1,342	Lonrho	1,524	Sainsbury	604
Argyll	4,175	Dalgety	388	Lucas	588	Scot & N	1,323
BAA	5,323	Dee	4,076	Magnet	1,681	Sears	21,487
BET	727	Dixons	1,598	M&S	6,587	Sedgwick	2,771
BTR	7,254	ECC	676	Maxwell Cm	2,787	Shell	1,247
BAT	7,120	Enterprise	173	MEPC	1,379	Smith & N	3,253
Barclays	1,925	*Ferranti*	3,825	*Metal Box*	2,020	*STC*	5,203
Bass	1,013	Fisons	3,085	Midland	1,126	Stan Chart	68
Beecham	3,571	Gen Acc	566	NatWest	1,026	Storehse	4,565
Beazer	593	GEC	3,122	Next	946	Sun Allnce	529
BICC	519	Glaxo	3,238	Nth Food	1,736	T & N	570
Blue Arrow	3,281	Globe	399	P&O	722	Tarmac	2,261
Blue Circle	281	Granada	617	Pearl	1,261	Tate & Lyle	251
BOC	1,299	Grand Met	3,344	Pearson	253	TSB	1,290
Boots	3,068	GUS 'A'	554	Pilkington	5,163	Tesco	2,670
BPB	771	GRE	387	Plessey	6,393	Thorn EMI	3,316
Br Aero	2,858	GKN	700	Prudential	781	Trafalgar	1,173
Br Airways	11,203	Guinness	6,406	Racal	4,432	THF	7,165
Br Comm	452	Hamm 'A'	550	Rk Hovis	715	Ultramar	1,819
Br Gas	7,004	Hanson	11,635	Rank	456	Unigate	342
Br Petrol	13,674	Hawker	809	R&C	220	Unilever	2,304
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Britoil	50,876	Hillsdown	935	Reed	1,448	Utd News	838
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Burmah	276	ICI	3,200	RMC Gp	602	Whitbrd	2,116
Burton	6,098	Jaguar	4,462	RTZ	1,168	Willis Fab	1,649
C&W	4,498	Lasmo	2,486	R-Royce	13,571	Woolworth	949
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Oil price set to stay at $18 with Iraq back in the fold

From David Young, Vienna

An announcement that will leave the world oil price at its present $18 (£10) a barrel marker level is expected to be made by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) at its meeting here today, but with Iran refusing to sign the official agreement.

The oil producers' cartel is expected to move into discussions today on how a new production-sharing agreement can be implemented for next year, but again it appears that any agreement on that issue may have to be made without Iran.

An Opec agreement without Iran would do little to bring stability to the world oil market, but any negative effect of that decision would be more than counter-balanced by a return of Iraq into the Opec agreement system.

It now seems Iraq will return to the fold and accept an output quota close to the existing Iranian quota. It is understood to have already offered to cut its output by half a million barrels a day, and some observers expect it will add to Iran's embarrassment by offering to take a further cut during discussions this morning.

Iran's decision to refuse to accept the new agreement on prices and quotas is in line with the country's current policy of maximizing revenues from oil, but it has been significant that the current Opec meeting has wasted no time in attempts to persuade Iran to unite behind the other member states.

Discussions yesterday were characterized by one country after another telling Iran that if it wants to operate outside the Opec agreements, then it should go ahead and see if it can get a better price for its oil on open markets.

Venezuela went a step further and warned other Opec members about making threats within the meeting about stepping up production and disrupting the market.

Señor Arturo Grisanti, the Venezuelan oil minister, said: "Venezuela will not be threatened by anyone." And he said he would leave the Vienna meeting if any disruptive oratory was continued by any of the other countries.

In the past, Opec has tried to keep the antagonism between Iran and Iraq away from the conference chamber — the two countries sit side by side around the negotiating table — but lately Iranian delegates have been more forceful in their criticism of Iraq, at a time when Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been increasingly affected by the military activity in the Gulf.

The Opec president, Dr Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister, said last night: "Progress is being made."

However, it is understood that the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Indonesia have written to the Iranian delegation, saying Iran can go along with the majority decision or not, but it should call an immediate halt to its attempts to create a public split within the organization.

BET could net £170m on sale of offshoots

By Alison Eadie

BET, the industrial services group, is selling its non-core electronics operations, including Rediffusion Simulation, Rediffusion Radio Systems and Rediffusion interests overseas.

Baring Brothers and Bear Stearns, merchant banks in London and New York respectively, will handle the sales. BET declined to say what it expected the businesses to fetch, but analysts' estimates ranged from £100 million to £170 million.

BET said the businesses would develop faster and be worth more to an owner in a related industry. It has had several approaches from potential buyers and the decision to sell had nothing to do with the stock market crash, said Mr Neil Ryder of BET.

BET is retaining four of its communications businesses whose activities link up with its core operations, particularly security services. It is also keeping its 29 per cent stake in Thames Television.

Rediffusion Simulation has about 35 per cent of the world civil aviation flight simulator market and 40 per cent of the British military market. Its operating profit last year was £9.5 million on a turnover of £113 million and its order book tops £200 million.

RRS supplies electronic communication equipment for military and professional markets. Its operating profit last year was £1 million on a turnover of £14 million.

Surprising the City: Michael Marks (left), joint chief executive, Anthony Lewis, chairman, and Geoffrey Lederman, joint chief executive (Photograph by Harry Kerr)

Smith New Court up 209%

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Smith New Court, the independent equity market-making firm, yesterday announced a 209 per cent jump in first-half pretax profits — from £3.3 million to £10.5 million — equal to the total profit for the whole of last year.

City analysts found the result even more astonishing because it includes the first week of the stock market crash, as well as losses on obligations which fall in the second half.

Mr Anthony Lewis, the chairman, said the figures included a £6.8 million provision for underwriting losses on the BP share issue and client defaults, including one large default.

The result contrasts with other leading market-making firms which have admitted to large losses during the share collapse. Smith specializes in British and overseas equity trading, but has no involvement in the gilt-edged market.

Mr Lewis added that since the crash, the company had been trading at a net profit, including expenses, but would not say what it was. He also said markets were too volatile to forecast full-year results.

"We have proved it is possible to make money in difficult as well as good times. We did not foresee the market crash, but our business is perhaps better spread than some other market-makers'.

The interim dividend rises by 0.5p to 2.5p, as fully diluted earnings per share more than doubled from 6.4p to 13.8p.

Westland warning on dollar weakness

By Michael Tate

The weakness of the dollar is forcing Westland, the helicopter group hauled from the brink of oblivion two years ago, to trim its profit expectations for the current year.

Westland, which is based in Somerset, had a profit setback in the year to the end of September, from £26.4 million to £18.4 million after £16 million of provisions for redundancy payments.

Group turnover rose from £344.4 million to £381.6 million, and earnings per share improved from 16p to 17.9p, if the provisions are ignored. A 2.25p final dividend lifts the total for the year to 3.5p a share.

The results beat most analysts' profit forecasts for the year. But Sir John Cuckney, the chairman of Westland, gave a warning that the weakening dollar would "inevitably" have an impact on the profit margins of the group's aerospace and technologies divisions next year.

Many of the group's hopes are pinned on these two divisions over the next two or three years when helicopter orders dry up pending the arrival in 1991 of the EH101

Sir John said yesterday: "A broader industrial base is required so that the effect of the helicopter's performance on the overall group results is significantly reduced."

However, narrowing margins in the US, which is responsible for about a third of the turnover of the aerospace and technologies divisions combined, would clearly restrict the growth of the non-helicopter operations.

Helicopter profits almost doubled from £8.9 million to £17.3 million, while Westland Technologies, which makes aircraft oxygen systems and air conditioning, improved from £11.1 million to £12.5 million, and Westland Aerospace, the hovercraft and aircraft parts business, earned £4.2 million against £4.1 million.

Sir John said Westland was now "one of the most cost-competitive European helicopter manufacturers," but clearly it will need to be as it sets out to win the export orders it will need to compensate for the disappointing level of orders from the British Government.

Looking further ahead, the the EH101 appears already to have won "firm intentions" in respect of some 200 craft, compared with the 800 that Westland and its Italian partner Agusta have targeted to sell over the next 20 years.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Punch-drunk markets ride US trade disaster

In spite of a record $17.63 billion deficit in the US trade figures, the reaction in financial markets — after an initial dive — was more restrained than could have been expected. The predominant feeling was that they were too bad to be true.

It may be that markets have grown immune to bad news; or that in the run-up to Christmas no one has the heart to embark on a new phase of the crisis. When the market-go-round found its way back to the point where the crash of 1987 began — a bad set of US trade figures for August — it had run out of steam.

That said, the record trade gap, with few extenuating circumstances, left the markets in a highly vulnerable position. The worst case before the figures was a $16 billion October deficit. Now, the US trade position is seen to be even more desperate than even pessimists thought.

The main worry is that the principal crumb of comfort emerging from the crash — the prospect of a sharp slowdown in the growth of demand in the US — is not coming about. Very soon, the US consumer will have his 1988 tax cut to compensate for the wealth losses arising from the market fall. In this context, the prospect of a correction in the US trade deficit, over any sort of time frame, looks less and less likely.

The central point about yesterday's October numbers was that they applied to a period before the dollar had embarked on its downward shift in the wake of Black Monday, October 19. Future figures, because of the dollar's renewed decline, will suffer from the additional disadvantage of having further "J" curves imposed on an already deteriorating trend. Even a sharply lower Japanese trade surplus — down to $4.74 billion last month from $7.4 billion a year earlier — does not alter the gloom over the US trade outlook.

The ball is firmly back in Washington's court, with no certainty that it will be returned cleanly. Does a bad set of figures force the Administration to support the dollar, on the argument that it will be some time before the economic fundamentals begin to do so? Or do they just add to Treasury Secretary James Baker's apparent ambivalence towards the US currency, and the view that the dollar needs to go a lot lower before the trade position starts to improve?

The Federal Open Market Committee will have a great deal to consider when it meets next week. Salomon Brothers, in its *Financial Prospects for 1988*, expects further dollar weakness and a rise of 1 to 2 per cent in the Federal funds rate over the next few weeks.

Gordon's place in the sun

One man who views the recent collapse in stock markets with a smile of contentment and a gleam of ambition is Donald Gordon, head of Liberty Life and prime mover of Liberty's associate company in Britain, TransAtlantic Holdings. Having bid earlier this year for Continental and Industrial Trust (in which TransAtlantic now has a 40 per cent stake), he sold its entire portfolio of British and US equities in August. Out of a total fund of £155 million, £140 million is invested in short-dated gilts.

Although Mr Gordon is not convinced that the fall in markets is over, he patently has the means to move whenever the right opportunities, which always emerge in a bear market, occur. TransAtlantic, which has almost £1 billion of assets and an impressive financial record to match, sees enormous scope in the financial services industry "following London's realignment and implications of Big Bang."

Thus it was a bouyant Mr Gordon who yesterday addressed the Society of Investment Analysts as he deftly suggested might have decided, finally, that "we are a serious long-term player on the United Kingdom financial scene — not a corporate maverick delighting in upsetting longstanding British institutions." On the basis of shareholders' funds, TransAtlantic is probably already in the top 50 British companies, with three large interests: a 26 per cent holding in Sun Life; Capital & Counties — "perhaps the premier shopping centre developer in the country" — and Continental & Industrial Trust. Its shares are now quoted in Luxembourg and the intention is to seek a London listing "as soon as is practicable."

The main focus of City interest is still the stake in Sun Life. The directors have resisted TransAtlantic's requests for boardroom representation and remained cold to the business advantages of allying TransAtlantic's resources with Sun Life's marketing and distribution skills — despite TransAtlantic's willingness to give an undertaking not to raise its stake above 29.9 per cent and not to bid save in the event of a bid by another company.

"Our position is still consistent," Mr Gordon told the analysts. "In truth, however, we are becoming less sanguine that the board will be able to move away from its entrenched position, which we believe is detrimental to the interests of Sun Life and very short-sighted.

"We have made it quite clear to Mr Peter Grant (the chairman) that our stake is a long-term strategic holding and not for sale and I have no doubt that in the end the impasse will be resolved to the advantage of shareholders of both companies."

Stock Exchange in SIB application

By Lawrence Lever

The Stock Exchange yesterday lodged its formal application to the Securities and Investments Board for recognition as a Recognized Investment Exchange under the Financial Services Act.

The Act obliges the Exchange to satisfy the SIB that it has adequate capital resources and rules to regulate an ordered market for dealing in securities such as shares, gilts and options.

Its application was accompanied by its draft rulebook, which closely follows existing Stock Exchange rules. The final version is expected to be ready at the beginning of February.

Existing Stock Exchange members will have automatic access to the new RIE when the Act comes into effect on April 1 — provided that by that time they have been accepted by a self-regulating organization (SRO) as fit and proper to carry out investment business. Any firms not authorized by an SRO will have to withdraw from the Exchange.

The draft rules submitted by the Exchange strengthen the existing rules against market-rigging. The general rule against rigging the market has been supplemented by setting out specific practices that are prohibited, such as putting false prices of bargains into the Exchange's Seaq system.

The rules relating to the settlement of bargains have also been strengthened recently. These now require firms to exercise control over the number of bargains left unsettled and the length of time that they remain unsettled.

The Exchange has already given its settlement Task Force additional investigation and enforcement powers

In addition, the rules relating to matched bargains of shares, under the Exchange's Rule 535 (2) procedure, have been relaxed. Fresh permission does not need to be sought from the Exchange to deal under this rule if Rule 535 (2) dealings in the shares concerned have taken place within the past year.

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The prints of darkness

Those all-knowing, all-seeing individuals who compile the Stock Exchange calendar — the small desk-top version which sits on most dealing terminals in the City, reminding market men of account periods, settlement days and even the date of the Boat Race — seem sure that the bear market is going to continue for another month or two at least. Its saying for this month is the old Scottish proverb: "Money is flat and meant to be piled up." The motto for next month is even more damning. Quoting Oscar Wilde, it says: "The salesman knows nothing of what he is selling, save that he is charging a great deal too much for it."

Making room for BP

With those partly-paid BP shares still hovering ominously near the 70p safety net being offered by the Bank of England, I hear that the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street is well-prepared for a sudden influx of BP share certificates. A sharp-eyed *Times* reporter, wandering the echoing marble corridors of the lavishly decorated, fortress-like Bank yesterday, came across a vast but unwelcoming room, with unpainted walls. Not only did its lack of decor contrast sharply with all the rooms nearby, but he was further intrigued to observe that it was furnished solely with rows of uninhabited school-style desks and stacks of empty plastic crates. On the door, in letters a foot high, was a sign declaring the room's purpose to be . . . "BP Operations." Employing the Boy Scout's motto, a Bank spokesman tells me: "It is prudent to be prepared," before going on to explain that the room is, in fact, Soane Hall, named after the architect, Sir John Soane, and one of the most historic in the building. Previously used as a library, it is undergoing refurbishment before being put to some other use.

Lucky guess

What hope have analysts got? Following yesterday's record interim results from Smith New Court, the independent securities company, Tony Lewis, its chairman, was asked about the likely outcome for the full year. "It's impossible to say," he said, before revealing that at the beginning of each financial year the firm's directors hold a sweepstake as to the likely year-end outcome. "I have never known anyone to come nearer than 80 per cent of the actual figure," he said. "We know how to run the business, but we never know how well we are going to do."

"I was hoping for a nice long postal strike"

Car wars

If you, too, are exasperated by London's appalling traffic jams, then on your next visit to the US perhaps you should treat yourself to a novel dashboard toy known as The Revenger. A small black box, it sells for $20 (£11), and at the push of a button it emits a range of ear-piercing noises which resemble a grenade launcher, machine guns or, if you wish, death rays (whatever they might sound like). Designer David McMahan, president of a North Carolina company called Express Yourself, claims that it has important therapeutic qualities, allowing frustrated drivers to vent their anger. Just imagine it . . . next time that boy racer in the GTI cuts you out, you can zap him.

● **Certain stockbroking firms are said to be handing out special DCM awards to some of their staff. Apparently it stands for "Don't come in on Monday."**

A contract for Killer

Richard "Killer" Kilsby is a man to watch. At 36, he is leaving accountancy firm Price Waterhouse next month — the youngest PW partner ever to quit — to join Charterhouse, the merchant banking arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Having helped to set up the London International Financial Futures Exchange as part of a PW consulting project, Kilsby is an expert in capital markets. His job at Charterhouse will be to establish a new department offering financial engineering and exposure management products — short-term paper, swops and the like — for commerce. "It will fill a gap in the UK banking market," he tells me.

Other facets of Kilsby's previous life, as an inspector under the Banking Act and his partial responsibility for the investigation into Johnson Matthey, bode still greater things to come.

● **Mon dieu! French electrical group Legrand, over here fighting a battle for control of the plugs and sockets group MK Electric, may know the difference between a circuit-breaker and a junction box, but it should swot up on its geography. The company has produced a booklet showing the countries in which it is represented around the world. Unfortunately, it appears to have got rather carried away, and covered the whole of Ireland, including Ulster, with the Eire flag. It's enough to make the Reverend Paisley blow a fuse.**

Carol Leonard

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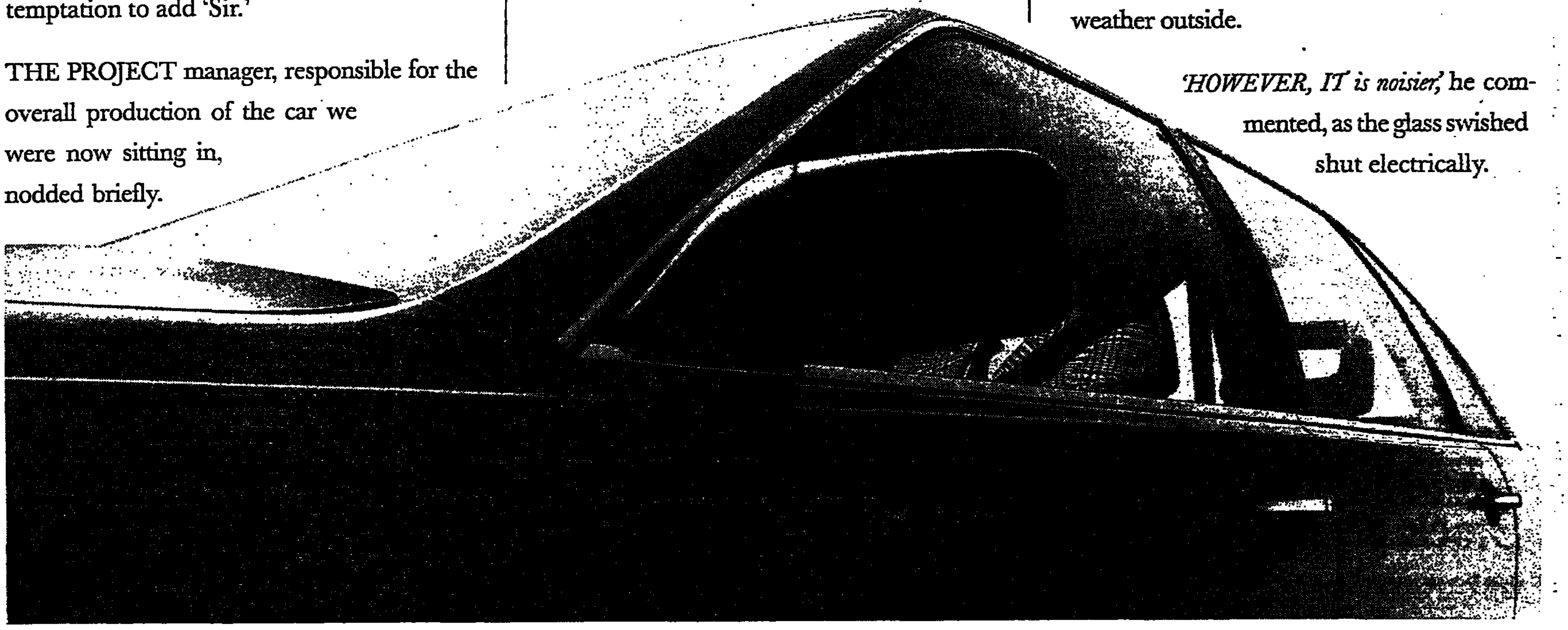

'HERR BECK will be with you in two minutes,' smiled our host, politely closing the doors.

FOR 119 seconds we sat in spacious comfort, peering out morosely at the rain sweeping across the Erha-Lessien test track.

THEN AN immaculate Herr Beck was settling easily behind the wheel. We were off.

'GOOD MORNING,' we chorused, resisting the temptation to add 'Sir.'

THE PROJECT manager, responsible for the overall production of the car we were now sitting in, nodded briefly.

'GENTLEMEN, YOU will observe we are moving at a speed of 100 kilometres per hour. This was achieved in 9.8 seconds.'

TAKEN ABACK, we observed. Closely.

'THERE ARE two points to note. The first is that the intermediate acceleration times of the 100 are, in each case, at least two seconds faster than any of its nearest rivals. Consequently, power is readily available when it is most needed; accelerating away from trouble, for example.'

INVOLUNTARILY WE turned our heads. Only damp and rapidly receding test track met our gaze.

'The second is that'...

'YES?' WE breathed.

...'IT IS extremely quiet.'

MY COMPANION'S attempt at an awe-inspired whistle sounded like an amplified wheezy kettle. It *was* very quiet. A whisper from the windscreen wipers, the murmur of the road...

'I AM increasing the speed,' continued our driver, taking us up to 201.6 kilometres per hour. The engine maintained its gentle hum, Herr Beck his soft, businesslike manner.

'THE REASONS for the lack of noise are threefold; a five-cylinder, fuel-efficient engine (delivering 42.8 of your miles to the gallon); a coefficient of drag of 0.32; and a meticulous approach to sound proofing.'*

WE SUSPECTED that he was about to elaborate. He was.

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HERR BECK looked thoughtful. We looked askance.

'THE IMPLICATIONS of transverse drag were also considered. The Audi 100 is less susceptible to cross wind buffeting than virtually any other car. Additionally, with a front window open, the overall Cd factor is only increased by a negligible 0.008%.'

HERR BECK opened his window to demonstrate, and we were suddenly aware of the brutal weather outside.

'HOWEVER, IT is noisier,' he commented, as the glass swished shut electrically.

CALM RESTORED, our man went on. *'While the Cd factor is primarily responsible for the reduced cabin noise, hydraulically dampened engine mounts account for the lack of vibration. The accoustic transmission to the driver's seat is currently around 77 decibels. At, say, 100 kilometres per hour it would be less than normal speech levels. This is helped by special gear box and engine insulation materials developed by Herr Kuiper, our manager of Physics.'*

A REMINISCENCE of G-clamps, bunsen burners and physics lessons was interrupted by the inevitable question.

'SO, GENTLEMEN, any queries?'

THANKS TO the Audi 100, we couldn't pretend to have missed a word. Say something, I thought to myself.

'THERE IS one thing, Herr Beck,' I ventured. 'Could you tell me the name of your tailor?'

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Cockfield hits at Minister's 'failure to grasp EEC plan'

By Colin Narbrough

'Time to exercise valour and vision': Lord Cockfield, vice-president of EEC Commission

Lord Cockfield, the vice-president of the European Community Commission, yesterday delivered a swingeing attack on the Government's failure to understand the issues involved in trying to create a truly common market.

He implied, without naming names, that Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had shown a total misunderstanding of the Brussels proposals on taxation.

But the former Tory minister made clear that, despite Britain's endless wrangles with the EEC, completion of a single EEC market by the target year of 1992 provided it with an opportunity to play a lead role.

"History showed that Britons have both valour and vision," he said. "The time to exercise them is here and now."

Lord Cockfield, speaking in London at a meeting of the European League for Economic Co-operation, said Britain had to accept that if it belonged to a community it was the community interest that had to prevail.

"One cannot simply pick and choose. Do the things you like and block the things you don't." The single market had to be effected completely and effectively, or fail totally.

Europe was moving inexorably towards economic union after the lean years of the 1970s and early 1980s. The goal was embodied in European law, making arguments about infringements of sovereignty irrelevant, he said.

The Commission had tabled two-thirds of the 300 proposals needed for creating a single market. The Council of Ministers had approved 70 of these, but had made "very disappointing" progress this year, Lord Cockfield said.

He hoped that by the end of next year proposals covering important parts of the internal market programme would be fully adopted, including those covering standards, public procurement, mutual recognition of qualifications, and financial services.

The aim was that proposals on *"fiscal approximation"* should be adopted too, as this was an essential and integral element of a truly common market. "One cannot complete the internal market unless there is a substantial measure of approximation of indirect taxes."

Last week, Lord Young said the Government wanted to emphasize the economic benefits of a single market in goods and services, not harmonizing taxes. He cited the US as evidence of a market giving economic benefits, despite taxes and excise duties varying from state to state.

Lord Cockfield said the American case in fact supported the Commission's approach. Because there were no fiscal frontiers inside the US, market forces ensured that in general there were no substantial differences between neighbouring states either.

He said the difficulties Britain had on the taxation question were political rather than economic.

Referring to Lord Young, he said one minister had been reported as saying he would oppose any attempt to harmonize away national differences.

This was a "total misunderstanding," he said. "Far from proposing excessive harmonization, the Commission has consistently proposed much *less than many member states* would want."

OECD in sharp criticism of Ireland

Paris (Reuter) — The Irish government should take radical measures to reform its economy and reverse a trend towards lower growth and higher unemployment, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) says in a report yesterday.

In a sharply critical review of the Irish performance, the 24-nation economic think tank calls for *urgent action to* slash the Irish budget deficit by cutting government subsidies and social spending.

"Radical measures are now needed," the OECD says, predicting zero economic growth in Ireland next year and unemployment close to one in five of the workforce.

"The present blanket coverage provided by social welfare transfers cannot be sustained," the report says. It urges greater selection to ensure that care is concentrated on the neediest sections.

It also suggests charges for certain key public services such as health and education, and criticizes the fact that government intervention in the economy is *much more* extensive than in most other Western countries. "Prospects of restoring better performance depend crucially on reducing the government budget deficit, *which is still almost* 11 per cent of GNP."

TR Technology poised to attack Berkeley Govett

By Lawrence Lever

The board of TR Technology, the investment trust managed *by Touche Remnant, is set to* launch a stinging attack on Berkeley Govett, the financial services house which is stalking the £320 million trust.

TRT has commissioned an audit by one of the top eight firms of accountants into the performance of the unquoted investments which Berkeley Govett introduced into the trust.

It is expected to circularize shareholders in the trust with the results, which allege that the performance of the Berkeley investments has been significantly below average, producing an average internal rate of return of around 7 per cent.

Mr Arthur Trueger, the chairman of Berkeley, yesterday hit back, claiming that Berkeley's overall record for all its unquoted placements — rather than those taken up by TRT — was better than TRT's performance.

Berkeley is advising Firmandale Investments, a mysterious Jersey company, which has spent about £90 million accumulating a 27 per cent stake in TRT and requisitioned an extraordinary general meeting.

Firmandale wants the management of TRT transferred either in whole or in part to Berkeley Govett. It is showing a substantial paper loss on its investment in TRT. Berkeley *has denied being involved in* the financing of Firmandale, which has been provided by 10 ten institutions and banks, one having a 20 per cent stake in Berkeley.

Yesterday, further details emerged showing another link between the Jersey company and Berkeley. Firmandale is owned by a Hong Kong-*registered company called* Reserve Assets. Inquiries by *The Times* have revealed one other occasion where Reserve Assets has been used in relation to Berkeley.

In December 1986, the British Steel Pension fund, which had opposed Berkeley's takeover of John Govett, the fund management group, sold its 25 *per cent stake in* Govett Atlantic, an investment trust managed by John Govett.

The stake was picked up by a Jersey-registered company, Sequoia Investments, which has a small share capital and appears to have been set up specifically for the purpose of buying the stake.

Reserve Assets is a big *shareholder in this company.* One of its fellow shareholders in Sequoia has the same registered office as Berkeley Govett. Mr Arthur Trueger, the Berkeley chairman, yesterday *denied* Reserve Assets was his own vehicle.

Gold group to upgrade US mines

By Colin Campbell

Gold Fields Mining Corporation, the North American division of Consolidated Gold Fields, has upgraded the reserves of its Mesquite and Chimney Creek mines, and says it is continuing to look for more North American mines.

At Mesquite, in California, an additional $21 million *(£11.6 million)* will be required to expand production from 3 million to 4.5 million tons of ore a year. Total reserves are now estimated at 70 million tons, containing 2.8 million ounces of gold.

The Chimney Creek project in Nevada, involving a total investment of $91 million (£50.4 million), is within budget and ahead of schedule. Commercial production is due to begin in January. The initial estimate of reserves has been raised from 1.3 million ounces of gold to 1.83 million ounces. In addition, a deposit two miles south of the existing plant has inferred reserves of 690,000 ounces.

Quota cut agreed for coffee

By Colin Narbrough

The International Coffee Organization executive board has agreed to allow only one more cut in export quotas during the current quarter, instead of the two cuts demanded by the coffee-exporting countries.

The agreement came after two days of discussions to reconcile diverging interpretations of the arrangements for determining how fast cuts could be implemented.

After the organization restored quotas this autumn, it *made an early cut of 1.5* million 60-kg bags on October 6 to help restore prices.

While announcing the accord on a second cut, it was made clear that this could only be put into effect if the ICO indicator price falls from its present level of nearly 116 cents per pound to 115 cents or less, and stays there for 10 market days.

The global quota for the year ending next September is 56.5 million bags.

APPOINTMENTS

Executive director named at Midland

Midland Bank: **Mr Eugene Lockhart** becomes an executive director.

GRE Asset Management: **Ms Caroline Burton** becomes managing director.

Thorn EMI: **Mr Micheal Angus** joins the board as a non-executive director.

Charterhouse Bank: **Mr Richard Kilsby** is made a managing director.

Association of Investment Trust Companies: **Mr Colin Black** is made chairman. **Mr Michael Hart** and **Mr Neil Young** become deputy chairmen.

Westland Group: **Mr Christopher Bunker** is made group finance director and **Dr John Lehman** a director.

GRE (UK): **Mr Sidney Hopkins** is made managing director.

Autolease: **Mr John Haynes** is made sales and marketing director.

Fuller Peiser: **Mr Keith Blake, Mr Brian Martin** and **Mr Melvyn Pratt** join the partnership.

CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank Holdings: **Mr Vernon Partridge** joins the board.

Asda-MFI Group: **Mr John Hardman** becomes executive chairman. **Mr Edward Lea** and **Mr Tony Campbell** become joint managing directors, Asda Stores.

ESAB AB: **Dr Bob John** becomes group marketing director.

InterExec SMI: **Mr Colin Hazell** and **Mr Derek Lloyd-Rees** become directors.

Copthorne Hotels: **Mr Larry Lowth** and **Mr Peter Taylor** are made joint chief executives.

Hays Chemical: **Mr Graham Green** is made chief executive, distribution division.

J Bibby & Sons: **Mr DB Macgregor** and **Mr TM Walmsley** join the board.

Istel: **Mr Chris Chiles** is made managing director.

Folkes Group: **Mr Roger Derwent** joins as finance director.

Liverpool *Cotton* Association: **Mr Arthur Aldcroft** is made president and **Mr Paul Southworth** vice-president.

Caroline Burton, managing director GRE Asset Management

Weir Systems: **Mr Tom Mill** has been appointed managing director.

Belhaven Brewery: **Mr Peter Shaw** becomes regional sales director for London and the Home Counties.

Hadrian Trustees: **Ms Fiona Goulbourn** and **Ms Beverley Duke** are now executive directors.

Hammerson Property Investment and Development: **Mr RS Johnson** and **Mr JMD Scott** will be executive directors *from* January 1. **Mr Alexander Scott Bell** joins the board as a non-executive director from January 1. **Mr RJG Richards, Mr Michael Skudder** and **Mr GH Wright** become directors of Hammerson UK Properties.

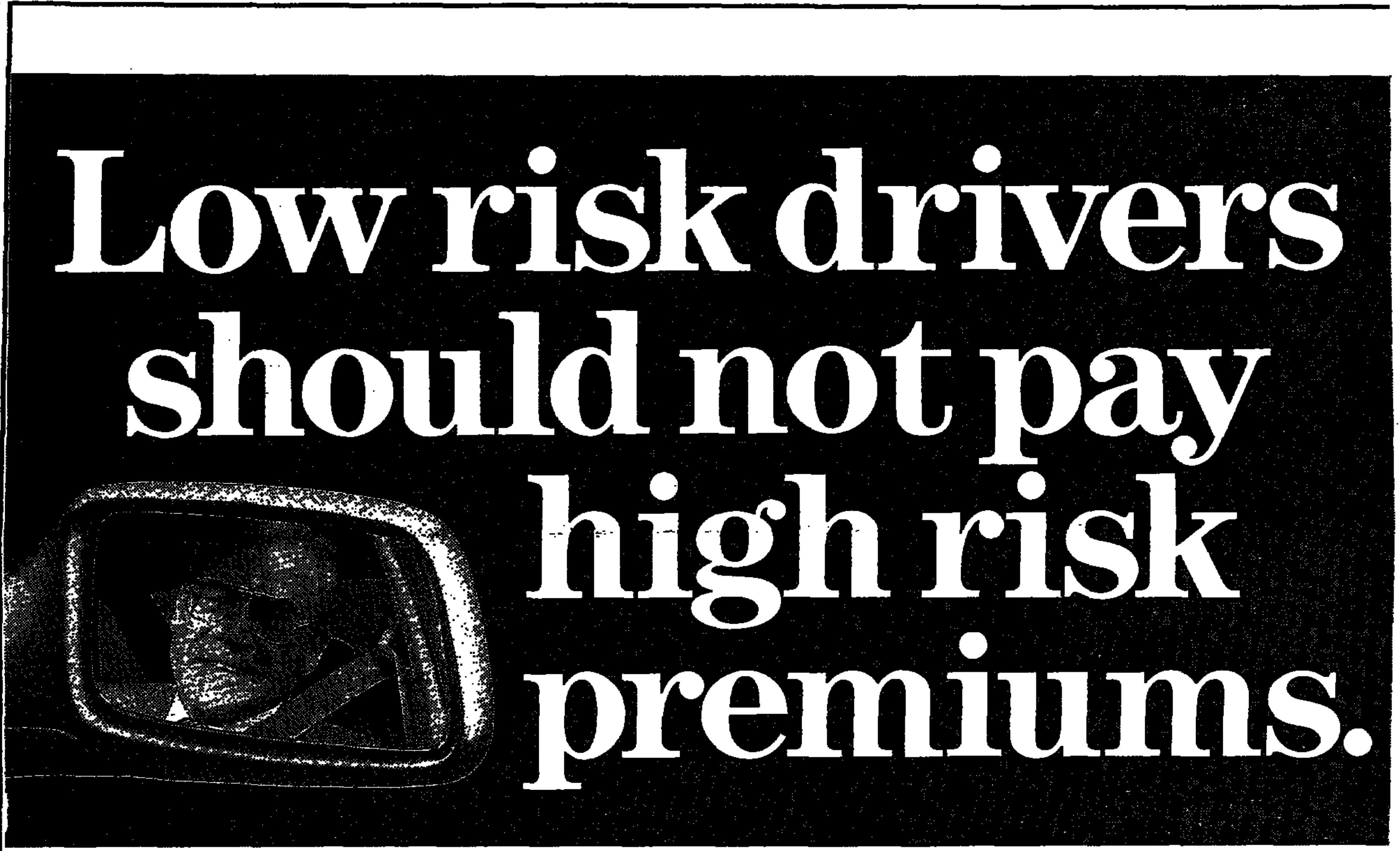
Balfour Beatty: **Mr N Ashley** becomes managing director of Balfour Beatty Construction International, **Mr DW Cawthra** managing director of Balfour Beatty Construction and **Mr I Carroll** managing director of Balfour Beatty Power.

Russell Reynolds Associates: **Mr Hobson Brown Jr** has been appointed president and chief operating officer, succeeding Mr Ferdinand Nadherny who becomes a vice- chairman.

SJ Berwin & Co: **Mr Russell Mishcon** and **Mr Adrian Shipwright** join the partnership.

Central Capital Mortgage Corporation: **Mr Brian Holmes** becomes managing director.

Mega Group: **Mr Bill Cadogan** is made group managing director.



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NEW YORK

Dow steadies after early sharp fall

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street share prices stabilized at a sharply lower level in early trading yesterday, following an initial selloff due to a much *larger-than-expected* October trade defict.

But traders said they were optimistic, noting that the selling in the morning was orderly and the market was able to restrain its decline.

"There may be some more downward probing," one trader said, "but after the first half hour, I saw some bargain-hunters come in."

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 49 points in the the first 15 minutes, stabilized at about 1,866.71, down 35.81, when the transport indicator was dwon 11.72 to 695.71 and the utilities average down 3.08 to 174.73.

Declining shares led advancing issues by almost *10-to-one* on volume of 43 million shares.

The US trade deficit, which totalled $17.63 billion (£9.68 billion), surprised even the most pessimistic forecasters. Most economists were expecting *a deficit of $14.5 billion to* $15 billion.

● The board of Schlumberger Ltd has authorized a new share repurchase programme which allows the company to buy up to 20 million shares on *the open market.*

The company has about 276 million shares outstanding.

	Dec 9	Dec 8		Dec 9	Dec 8		Dec 9	Dec 8
AMR Cp	30%	31%	Firestone	28%	30%	Pepsico	31%	31%
ASA	49%	51%	Fst Chicago	19%	19%	Pfizer	44%	44%
Aetna Life	44%	44%	Fst Int Bncp	38%	39%	Phelps Dod	44%	44%
Allied Signal	28	27%	Fst Penn C	8%	7%	Philip Mor	91%	89%
Allis Chlm	1%	1%	FT Wachva	32%	32%	Philip Pet	11	11
Alcoa	46	45%	Ford Motor	75%	75%	Polaroid	21%	22
Amax Inc	18%	18	GAF Cp	41%	40%	Primerica	23%	23%
AMR Hess	24%	23%	GTE Cp	36%	38%	Proct Gble	85%	83%
Am Brands	43%	44	Gen Cp	63%	63%	Pub S E G	22%	22%
Am Cynmd	40	37%	Gn Dynam	46%	47	Raytheon	62%	59%
Am Ele Pwr	25%	25%	Gen Electric	43%	42%	Rynlds Metl	45%	44
Amexs	22%	22%	Gen Inst	29%	28%	Rockwell Int	16%	16%
Am Home	69%	68%	Gen Mills	45%	44%	Royal Dutch	105%	104%
Am Int Grp	59%	58%	Gen Motors	59%	57%	SFE Sopac	44%	43%
Am Stand	34	32%	Gen Pub Ut	24%	25%	Sara Lee	34	32%
Am Telph	28%	28	Genesco	3%	3%	Schlumb	29%	29%
Amoco Cp	68	65	Georgia Pac	32%	31%	Scott Pap	65%	64%
Armco Steel	10%	10%	Gillette	30	29	Seagram	53%	53%
Asarco Inc	26%	26%	Goodrich	32%	30	Sears Roeb	32%	32%
Ashland Oil	55%	55%	Goodyear	53%	51%	Shell Trans	71%	70%
Atl Richfld	69	68%	Gould Inc	10%	9%	Singer	52%	53%
Avon Prod	23%	23%	Grace Co	43%	41%	Smith Beck	47	47
Bk Boston	20%	19%	Grt Atl Pac	35%	34%	Sony Cp	38%	38%
Bank NY	25	26%	Greyhnd	24	23%	Sth Cal Edi	30%	30%
Bankamer	7%	7%	Gruman	20	20%	SW Bell	33%	33%
Bkrs Tst NY	28%	27%	Gulf & West	68%	67%	Squibb	62	60
Baxter	22%	22%	Heinz	39%	38%	Sterl Drug	49	47%
Beth Steel	16	15	Hercules	43%	42%	Stevens JP	24%	23%
Boeing	35%	35%	Hewlett Pk	52%	51%	Sun Comp	52%	50%
Boise Casc	62%	61%	Honeywell	53	52%	TRW Inc	44%	44%
Borden	47%	45%	IC Ind	29%	29	Teledyne	287%	278%
Bristl Meyr	41½	41	ITT Cp	45%	44%	Tenneco	41%	41%
BP	53%	53½	INCO	18%	18%	Texaco	32%	33%
Brunswick	12%	12	Ing Rand Wi	32%	31%	Tex Eastn	22%	23
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	27%	25%	Texas Inst	45%	44%
Burl Nth	59%	58%	IBM	113%	111½	Tex Util	26%	26%
CBS	150%	149%	Int Paper	40	39%	Textron	20%	20%
CMS Engy	14	13	Irving Bk	47	46%	Travelers	33%	32%
CPC Int	39%	37%	Jhsn & Jhsn	77%	77	USG	28%	28%
CSX Cp	26%	25%	K Mart	27%	27%	USX Cp	30%	29%
Cmpbell Sp	54%	53%	Kaisertech	9%	9%	Unilever Plc	33%	32%
Can Pacific	15%	15%	Kerr McGee	32%	31	Un Carbide	20%	19%
Caterpillar	59%	57%	Kimbrly Clrk	51%	51%	Un Pac Cp	52	52%
Centrl SW	29%	29%	Kraft	49%	48	Unisys Cp	31	30%
Champion	31%	31%	Kroger	24%	25%	Utd Brands	42%	42%
Chase Man	22%	22%	LTV Cp	2%	2%	Utd Tech	32%	32%
Chem NY	24%	24	Litton	71%	68%	Unocal	27	27%
Chevron	38%	39%	Lockheed	34%	34½	Walter Jim	59%	59%
Chrysler	21%	21%	Lucky Str	25%	24%	Warn Lamb	67%	66%
Citicorp	17%	17%	Man H'nver	26%	25%	Wells Far	40	38%
Clark Eq	25%	25%	Manville	2%	2%	Westg El	46%	45%
Coca Cola	39%	39	Mapco	44	42%	Weyerhsr	36%	36%
Colgate	38	35%	Marine Mid	82%	82%	Whirlpool	22%	22%
Columb Gas	40%	39%	Mt Marrieta	39%	39%	Woolworth	33%	33%
Cmb'tn Eng	26%	24%	Masco	21%	20%	Xerox Cp	54%	53%
Cmwlth Edi	29	28%	Mcdonalds	44%	44%	Zenith	14%	14%
Cons Edis	43%	42%	McDonnell	56%	57			
Consol Ng	37%	37	Mead Cp	30%	30%			
Cont Data	19%	19%	Merck	161%	157%			
Corning Gl	48%	48%	Minsta Mng	60%	59			
Crane	19%	18%	Mobil	37%	36%	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Curtiss Wrt	45	43%	Monsanto	75	71	Agnico Eag	23%	24
Data Genl	20%	20%	Morgan Jp	31%	30%	Alcan Alum	33%	33%
Deere Co	35%	34%	Motorola	46%	44%	Algoma Stl	14	14
Delta Airl	35%	35%	NCR	60%	59	Can Pacific	20%	20%
Detroit Edi	14%	14%	NL Indstrs	5%	5	Cominco	12%	12%
Digital Eq	125%	124%	Nat Distill	62%	61%	Con Bathrst	16%	16
Disney	55%	54%	Nat Md Ent	16%	16%	Hawk S Can	20%	20
Dow Chem	81%	77%	Nat Semi	12%	11%	Hud Bay M	18%	18%
Dressr Ind	23%	22%	Norfolk Sth	24	23%	Imasco	25½	26%
Dupont	81%	79	NW Bancrp	37%	37%	Imperial Oil	54%	54
Duke Pwr	43%	43%	Occid Pet	24%	24%	Int Pipe	41½	41%
East Kodak	47%	48%	Ogden Cp	23%	23%	Royl Trstco	13	13
Eaton Cp	77%	76%	Olin Cp	36%	35%	Seagram	70%	70%
Emerson El	31%	29%	PPG Ind	33%	31%	Shelco 'A'	20%	20%
Emery Air	4%	4%	Pac Gas El	16%	17%	Thmsn N 'A'	26%	26
Exxon	38%	39%	Pan Am	3%	3%	Varity Cp	3	3
Farah Inc	7%	7	Penney JC	43%	43%	WCT	15%	15%
Fedders	5%	5%	Pennzoil	74%	76	Weston	32	31%

1987 RESULTS

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WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP

Nikkei surges 395 points as institutions come back

Tokyo (Reuter) – Share prices closed sharply higher in modest volume yesterday, as optimism after Wall Street's third consecutive rally on Wednesday attracted buying from long-absent Japanese institutions, brokers said.

The Nikkei index surged 395.14 points, or 1.7 per cent, to close at 23,280.84, its highest point of the day. On Wednesday it fell 62.64. Advances led declines by a margin of nearly seven to two in turnover of 600 million shares, against 500 million on Wednesday.

A Daiwa Securities broker said the first signs in about two weeks of significant buying by trust funds, insurance companies and banks excited other investors.

"The institutions are only dipping their toes in, but these guys have big feet," said one foreign broker.

Foreigners were net buyers of Tokyo stocks through leading Japanese brokerages for the third consecutive day.

Wariness before the US October trade data, and a prevalent belief that the 23,300 mark on the Nikkei average is a resistance point, moderated optimism.

"*A US trade deficit of $15* billion has been discounted by the market," said a senior Nomura Securities broker. A plunge in Japan's November trade surplus lifted general goodwill.

Shares of securities houses gained sharply because as market volume lifts off rock-bottom levels and gloom clears from world stock markets, brokers earn more. Nomura rose Y90 to Y3,200 (£13.44) and Nikko Y80 to *Y1,710.*

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone fell Y20,000 to Y2.42 million, its lowest level since the government sold 1.95 million of the shares at Y2.55 million each in November.

Insurance, communications, pharmaceutical, bank, credit-lease, real estate and general manufacturing shares gained. Japan Airlines (JAL) gained Y100 to Y16,000. JAL has a price-earnings ratio of 445.

A 48.1 million share tranche of government-owned JAL stock is due to be sold from Tuesday to Thursday next week. Brokers said investors' enthusiasm for the offering is *less than* overwhelming. "Not that many of our clients are really interested," said a senior broker at Tachibana Securities.

Some large capitalization steel companies were traded actively. Kawasaki Steel, up Y3 to Y360, headed the volume table, while Yodogawa Steel, Y150 higher at Y1,220, was also heavily dealt.

FRANKFURT

Prices firm in limited buying

(Reuter) – West German shares ended firmer after *investors indulged* in limited buying, encouraged by the stable dollar and by hopes that United States trade figures would show a falling deficit, dealers said.

The dollar was fixed higher, at DM1.6617 after closing at DM1.6590 on Wednesday.

The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, rose to 1,317.1 from Wednesday's 1,311. The Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index ended at 277.56, after Wednesday's *final 273.21.*

In banks, Deutsche rose to 405 points, up 8.50 on the day. Dresdner gained 6.50 to 237.50 and Commerzbank six to 226. Chemicals saw smaller gains. BASF rose 2.90 to 252.20, Bayer climbed 4.70 to 260.50 and Hoechst edged 2.10 higher to 256. But Schering, the pharmaceuticals *company, shed 8.50 to 362.50.*

Among car-makers, Daimler climbed 12 points to 617.50, VW added 4.80 to 227 and BMW rose 11 to 442. Electrical Siemens firmed 4.70 to 379.80, while AEG rose 4.50 to 225.50. Hi-tech Nixdorf firmed seven, to 556. Insurers were mixed, with Allianz 62 points higher at 1,192 and Aachener und Muenchener 14 lower at 556.

Engineering MAN rose 7.90 higher at 128.40 marks,

SYDNEY

Index drifts lower in dull trading

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Investors ignored encouraging signals from overseas and the market closed virtually steady yesterday.

"It was a pathetic, inept and gutless performance," one frustrated broker said after the market failed to duplicate rises in New York, London and Tokyo.

The all-ordinaries index, the key barometer, drifted two points lower to close at 1,236. Turnover totalled 116 million shares, worth Aus$135 million.

Brokers said investors and institutions were waiting for the release of the US October trade figures and for Wall Street to digest them.

Market leader BHP, whose register is widely acknowledged as unsettled, shed 10 cents to Aus$6.10, *its lowest* this year. The company's market capitalization has halved since its August high of Aus$12.10.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's comment that he *would not acquire* an Australian-listed company in the short term reduced demand for the share, brokers said. Other remarks in his *Bell* Group chairman's address on Wednesday had the same effect on his flagship and its associate Bell Resources. Bell Group lost 10 cents to Aus$1.65 and Bell Resources five cents to Aus$1.42.

SINGAPORE

Shares up on broad front

(Reuter) – Selected bargain hunting and short-covering helped share prices rise over a broad front in fairly moderate trading, dealers said. The Straits Times industrial index closed at 746.07, 17.70 points *higher than* Wednesday's 728.37. Turnover dropped slightly, from 26.5 million shares to 26.1 million.

Brokers said sentiment was helped by Wall Street's third consecutive rally on Wednesday and yesterday's 395-point gain on the Tokyo market.

DBS and Fraser and Neave rose 35 cents each, to S$8.30 *(£2.26)* and S$6.95, with 20 cent gains being seen in Ming Court, at S$2.70, OCBC at S$6.40 and SIA at S$8.40.

HONG KONG

Hang Seng ahead 42 points

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Share prices closed higher yesterday, propelled by the surge in Tokyo stock prices and *expectations of moderately* favourable US October trade figures, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index ended near the day's highs, up 42.69 points at 2,027.67, while the broader-based Hong Kong index climbed 26.51 points to 1,323.43.

But trading remained sluggish and turnover shrank to HK$604.49 million (£43 million) from HK$680.44 million on Wednesday.

Brokers said the market was *still taking* its cue from overseas centres.

Brokers said selling pressure aimed at the Cheung Kong group, evident since the group's recent rights offers, had subsided. Cheung Kong rose 20 cents to HK$5.60, while its Hutchison affiliate gained 35 cents to HK$6.20.

Brokers said buyers were still cautious amid concerns that favourable trade figures could give still-bearish investors a momentary market rise *and an opportunity to sell.*

Among other blue chip stocks, Hongkong Land added 45 cents to HK$6.90, and Jardine Matheson 20 cents to HK$9.00, but China Light lost 20 cents to HK$14.80.

Hang Seng index futures gained more ground than stocks but still traded at a discount to the index.

EEC action call against Seoul

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

The EEC has moved into position for a new trade war with South Korea, with a call for higher import tariffs on South Korean goods after Seoul refused to give EEC nations the same benefits it grants to the United States.

Mr Willy de Clercq, the European Commissioner for External Trade, has asked EEC foreign ministers to suspend the generalized system of preferences for South Korea, designed to give the developing nations favourable access to European markets.

The move follows the breakdown of last month's talks in Seoul where the EEC demanded protection against South Korean counterfeiting. Last year, under a special agreement with Washington, Seoul changed its laws to give five years' retroactive protection to US software patents, and 10 years' protection for printed material.

But the EEC believes the bilateral accord makes European industries even more vulnerable.

Most at risk are European pharmaceutical and chemical companies which hold a larger share of the South Korean market than US companies. Mr de Clercq hopes suspension of the GSP will force Seoul *to give EEC producers* the same benefits as the Americans, although the Koreans have said they will not move until after next year's Presidential elections.

Willy de Clercq: suspension

The GSP move is widely seen as part of a new tougher attitude to South Korea as trade relations with Japan begin to improve. Europe's trade deficit with South Korea almost doubled between 1985 and 1986 to $1.5 billion (£835.6 billion)

Britain, West Germany and France are particularly keen on expanding into the South Korean market, where recent liberalization moves have favoured the US

However, EEC officials say Seoul has recently relaxed conditions for imports of European luxury cars with engines of more than two-litre capacity.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ald Restaurants	60 –1
Brit Pet P/P	72 –½
Butte Mining (100p)	125
Co of Designers (100p)	105
Dolphin Packg (106p)	106 –4
Eurotunnel	250
Eurotunnel Wrnts	12½
Fairway London	75
Gaelic Res	4½
Hard Rock Cafe	129 –3
Do 'A'	87 –2
ISA Intl (80p)	90
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	135
Mayne Nickless	168 +1
Nestor-BNA (75p)	75 –1
Paragon Comms	91
Power Corp	65
Record (88p)	60
Rolls-Royce (170p)	103 –2
Rural Plan	85 +2
Sec Archives	140 –10
Shaftsbury (180p)	101 +3
Sykes-Pickavant	116
Tomorrows Leisure	31
Trevian Hldgs	66
Tubular Exhib	21
URS Intl	48
USDC Inv	106 –4
Wilshaw Secs	25 –1
Zetters Leis	128

RIGHTS ISSUES

Apld Holographc N/P	28
City & For N/P	2 –1
Landu Hldgs N/P	13
RKF Gp N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	8.50%

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WAGON INDUSTRIAL

CONTINUED GROWTH AT HALF YEAR

	Half Year to 30th September 1987 £'000	Half Year to 30th September 1986 £000	Year Ended 31st March 1987 £000
Turnover	52,971	43,132	95,244
Pre-tax Profit	3,424	3,108	7,544
Earnings per share	10.82p	10.18p	25.10p
Dividend	4.5p	4.0p	10.0p

"We remain confident in our ability to achieve *continued profit growth having strengthened the* base of the Group.

Our overall strategy remains to expand by *acquisition in addition to internal growth.*"

Paul D. Taylor, Chairman

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Wharf profits up 63% at half-time

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Wharf (Holdings), the property, hotel and transport group run by Sir Yue-Kong Pao, has reported net interim profits up 63 per cent to *HK$645.4* million (£46 million) for the six months to end-September.

The profits include a one-off boost of HK$205.3 million from the sale of Wheelock Marden, its trading and services subsidiary, and its Hong Kong Realty property business. Both were sold earlier this year to Sir Yue-Kong's World International group, which is about 70 per cent owned by the Pao family.

Mr Peter Woo, the chairman of Wharf, said all core operating divisions had "performed satisfactorily during the first six months," but he was cautious about the coming year.

"If the *US economy* goes into a slowdown next year, Hong Kong's trading and tourist activities will be affected accordingly," he said.

"The group is, therefore, taking the cautious attitude towards planning for 1988."

Turnover dropped from *HK$1.8 billion* to HK$1.2 billion, as a result of the sales of Wheelock Marden and Hong Kong Realty.

Wharf's hotels business has benefited from a tourist boom, with visitors flocking to the Crown Colony *to take* advantage of its weak dollar.

Mr Woo said that compared *with the same period* last year, the total net contributions from the property, hotels, terminal and transport divisions had improved 38 per cent.

The interim dividend is being raised from 9 cents a share to 10 cents.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 30	December 11	March 3	March 14

Call options were taken out on: 10/12/87 Widney, Wilshaw, Equity & General, Cowan de Groot, Beechams, Boots, National Westminster Bank, Rock, TR Energy, British & Commonwealth, Campari, Bryant Holdings, Eagle Trust.
Put: THF.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*316)	300	30	45	52	10	18	25
	330	15	30	37	25	35	42
	360	6	20	27	45	50	60
Bass (*775)	750	55	87	108	25	43	62
	800	28	62	85	52	70	90
	850	18	43	65	85	110	120
Brit Air (*136)	120	22	26	34	5	9	12
	130	13	22	28	9	12	17
	140	8	16	21	13	17	20
Brit Com (*280)	280	25	43	50	15	27	35
	300	15	30	40	25	37	50
	330	7	14	30	50	60	65
Brit Gas (*122)	120	9	13	19	5	11	17
	130	4½	9	13	12	18	24
	140	—	5	9	—	25	33
BP (*245)	240	16	28	37	11	20	27
	260	9	17	28	23	32	38
	280	—	11	17	—	48	53
Britoil (*283)	260	42	57	68	15	25	33
	280	30	43	55	25	35	45
	300	19	33	—	35	47	—
Cons Gold (*898)	800	145	170	195	40	70	100
	850	110	140	165	60	100	130
	900	80	115	145	80	135	170
Courtauld (*311)	300	30	48	57	15	27	37
	330	13	35	43	33	40	52
	360	6	23	30	55	65	75
	390	2	15	23	85	90	100
Com Union (*313)	280	42	50	62	5	20	25
	300	30	40	50	15	30	35
	330	13	23	37	30	45	55
C & W (*305)	260	50	67	78	5	15	20
	280	37	55	68	9	22	30
	300	23	40	50	17	30	40
	330	7	25	42	52	40	55
GEC (*150)	140	15	23	30	7	10	14
	160	6	14	21	16	20	24
	180	2½	8	13	34	35	40
GKN (*282)	240	31	41	47	7	19	24
	260	19	29	37	18	28	34
	280	10	21	30	28	41	45
	300	5	14	22	41	54	57
Grand Met (*384)	360	42	63	67	11	23	30
	390	25	38	52	25	38	43
	420	12	27	40	43	57	63
	460	5	16	27	77	87	92
ICI (*1003)	950	70	95	135	37	65	80
	1000	50	80	110	60	90	105
	1050	40	65	90	90	125	130
	1100	18	45	72	120	155	165
Jaguar (*291)	260	22	38	42	10	32	40
	280	12	23	33	30	43	48
	300	8	16	25	48	53	62
Land Sec (*432)	390	55	72	84	10	15	22
	420	36	54	67	22	27	35
	460	17	35	50	32	50	62
M & S (*173)	160	22	30	34	6	11	14
	180	10	18	20	16	22	26
	200	2	10	16	30	32	35
R-Royce (*103)	100	9	15	20	6	13	16
	110	5	11	16	13	19	22
	120	2½	8	13	20	25	28
	130	2	6	10	26	32	34
Sainsbury (*215)	200	23	33	38	7	12	17
	220	13	23	28	15	22	26
	240	7	16	22	30	36	40
Shell (*970)	950	75	105	130	40	73	95
	1000	47	80	110	65	100	120
	1050	27	62	90	98	135	145
Storehse (*236)	220	25	35	42	8	18	22
	240	13	25	32	20	27	32
	260	7	18	23	32	37	43
	280	3	12	17	47	55	57
Trafalgar (*287)	280	25	37	47	13	22	30
	300	13	25	37	27	36	42
	330	7	15	27	50	55	62
TSB (*104)	100	9	14	18	5	8	10
	110	6	10	13	9	14	17
	120	4	7	10	20	22	25
Woolworth (*253)	240	27	40	55	10	22	27
	260	15	28	38	23	35	40
	280	8	22	25	35	45	50
	300	3	16	20	53	55	60
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*108)	100	11	22	28	2	9	13
	110	4	16	23	6	15	17
	120	1½	11	18	15	20	22
Barclays (*439)	420	25	52	62	4	28	37
	460	4	32	57	25	47	55
	500	1	20	30	62	75	85
Beecham (*424)	360	66	85	100	1	7	13
	390	38	60	77	3	15	22
	420	11	42	58	10	27	35
	460	2	27	38	40	47	65
Boots (*218)	200	23	35	43	2	15	18
	220	7	25	32	10	22	28
	240	2	14	25	35	32	40
BTR (*254)	240	25	35	47	8	18	27
	260	12	22	35	17	27	37
	280	4	15	23	30	37	42
Blue Circ (*288)	280	22	40	52	3	17	22
	300	10	30	42	12	27	35
	330	2	20	28	37	48	53
Dixons (*203)	180	28	38	43	2	8	15
	200	10	25	32	8	17	22
	220	3	18	23	20	28	33

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
De Beers (*960)	1050	20	—	—	80	—	—
	1100	5	—	—	—	—	—
	1200	3	—	—	—	—	—
Glaxo (*1017)	1000	37	77	150	25	75	100
	1050	15	40	125	50	100	125
	1100	6	30	105	90	130	155
	1150	3	28	90	140	165	180
Hanson (*118)	110	10	15	20	1½	7½	9½
	120	3½	10	14	4	12	15
	130	1½	7	10	13	19	22
	140	½	4	7	22	28	29
Lonrho (*216)	200	18	34	46	2	16	18
	220	4	21	30	9	25	30
	240	—	11	21	—	38	44
	260	—	7	13	—	54	58
Midland (*359)	330	36	55	62	2	20	27
	360	8	37	47	8	32	42
	390	2	22	32	32	50	60
Sears (*136)	120	18	27	31	1½	4	9
	130	10	19	23	3	10	13
	140	5	14	18	10	15	22
Tesco (*150)	140	12	24	30	1	10	15
	160	—	14	27	—	21	26
	180	½	7	—	36	37	—
Thorn EMI (*520)	480	65	85	110	2½	22	27
	500	45	62	85	7	37	47
	550	5	36	62	37	60	74
	600	1	15	30	85	97	102
THF (*193)	180	17	28	32	2½	13	20
	200	4	15	22	10	27	32
	220	2	10	17	32	40	45
Unilever (*441)	420	35	65	70	4	25	40
	460	7	35	50	25	46	60
	500	3	23	35	60	75	90
Wellcome (*360)	330	47	70	82	1½	15	28
	360	22	52	65	8	30	42
	390	7	37	50	23	45	55
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*90)	80	17	23	26	6	10	12
	90	10	17	25	10	14	17
	100	7	13	15	16	20	23
Brit Aero (*303)	280	45	50	60	17	28	35
	300	33	38	50	28	37	45
	330	18	30	36	43	57	62
BAT Ind (*401)	360	40	52	62	22	36	40
	420	35	37	47	38	50	58
	460	13	28	33	65	77	82
	500	7	16	—	103	107	—
Brit Telcm (*206)	200	16	22	28	12	16	20
	220	7	11	21	26	27	34
	240	4	8	13	42	46	48
Cadbury (*237)	200	47	60	65	3	8	12
	220	31	37	43	8	16	18
	240	19	25	33	18	25	30
Guinness (*272)	220	60	65	73	3	10	17
	240	45	50	58	10	18	23
	260	30	40	48	20	27	35
Ladbroke (*303)	280	38	48	56	10	28	25
	300	25	37	46	18	30	37
	330	15	25	33	37	47	52
LASMO (*287)	240	50	60	68	15	30	38
	260	38	48	58	27	30	47
	280	28	42	—	38	52	—
Pilkngtn (*189)	180	23	30	40	13	22	27
	200	13	20	30	25	32	37
	220	7	13	23	40	47	52
	240	4	8	—	60	62	—
Plessey (*136)	130	18	24	30	9	14	18
	140	14	19	25	16	21	24
	160	7	13	19	28	32	35
P & O (*473)	420	65	80	—	12	20	—
	460	45	60	73	30	40	53
	500	25	40	45	52	65	75
Prudential (*773)	750	60	95	115	45	65	75
	800	46	70	90	70	90	100
	850	35	55	—	100	120	—
Racal (*209)	200	26	35	43	14	22	29
	220	16	27	36	28	34	39
	240	8	20	28	41	48	52
RTZ (*315)	260	80	100	—	5	11	—
	280	65	85	—	12	25	—
	300	47	70	80	20	45	60
	330	35	55	65	40	60	65
Vaal Reefs (*118)	100	28	33	37	8	12	18
	110	22	28	32	14	19	27
	120	16	20	27	19	24	33
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£107)	106	27/32	—	—	11/16	—	—
	108	13/32	—	—	27/16	—	—
	110	⅛	—	—	3 9/16	—	—
	112	1/32	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£116)	114	[illegible]	4¼	—	1¾	2¾	—
	116	2⅜	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	118	[illegible]	2¾	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	120	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	5 1/16	6 1/16	—
	122	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	7½	—

FT-SE INDEX (*1604)

Series	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar
1550	65	120	145	175	30	55	73	85
1600	55	90	120	145	50	80	95	110
1650	37	68	97	120	80	108	120	130
1700	14½	47	75	—	115	145	150	—
1750	10	35	60	—	160	175	185	—
1800	4	20	47	—	200	220	225	—
1850	2	15	—	—	250	260	—	—
1900	1	10	—	—	300	305	—	—

December 10, 1987 Total: 30855 Calls 13196 Puts 17658 FT-SE: Calls 955 Puts 1707
*Underlying security price.

WATERGLADE

INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS plc

INTERIM RESULTS TO END SEPT 1987.

- Turnover increased to over £7m.
- Pretax profit up 29.5% to £2.06m.
- Debut interim dividend of 1.5p.

"All our developments are in areas of strong tenant demand and the Directors remain confident about future prospects."

William Adams, CHAIRMAN

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Volatile trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 7. Dealings end December 18. §Contango day December 21. Settlement day January 4.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 20.)

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Hammerson	Property	
2	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
3	Tottenham Hotspur	Leisure	
4	Hong Kong Land	Property	
5	TI	Industrials S-Z	
6	Triefus	Industrials S-Z	
7	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
8	Bestwir	Industrials E-K	
9	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
10	Micro Focus	Electricals	
11	Dee (aa)	Foods	
12	DSC	Industrials A-D	
13	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
14	Cakebread Robey	Building,Roads	
15	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
16	Fitch Lovell	Foods	
17	Benchmark	Banks,Discount	
18	Nat West (aa)	Banks,Discount	
19	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
20	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
21	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
22	HK Shanghai	Banks,Discount	
23	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
24	Booker	Foods	
25	Yorkshire TV	Cinemas,TV	
26	Lister	Textiles	
27	Kwik Save	Foods	
28	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
29	Peek	Industrials L-R	
30	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
31	APV	Industrials A-D	
32	Fitzwilton C&W	Industrials E-K	
33	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
34	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
35	Ranger	Oils,Gas	
36	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
37	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
38	Shaftsbury	Property	
39	Smith Ind	Industrials S-Z	
40	Worcester	Industrials S-Z	
41	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
42	Victor Products	Industrials S-Z	
43	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
44	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
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CINEMAS, TV

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DRAPERY, STORES

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ELECTRICALS

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FINANCE, LAND

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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HOTELS, CATERERS

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L-R

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S-Z

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INSURANCE

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Investment Trusts appear on Page 26

LEISURE

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MINING

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MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

[illegible]

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
261	155	Accord	160	170	-2	4.3	2.6	17.4
115	55	Adscene	72	77	-1	..	..	..
675	375	Assoc Newspaper	397	400	+1	8.9	2.2	16.6
635	285	Barbour Index	295	315	+5	5.5	1.8	22.8
675	320	Black (A&C)	390	400	..	15.1	3.8	15.3
755	188	Bristol	205	215	..	10.8	5.0	18.1
936	440	Collins (Wm)	495	500	..	13.9	2.8	16.8
750	318	Do 'A'	380	400	..	13.5	3.5	13.0
272	131	EMAP	165	168	●+7	4.4	2.6	18.9
430	310	Haynes Publishing	320	345	..	19.2	5.8	14.5
418	135	Home Counties	245	255	..	8.1	3.2	11.4
206	77	Intl Bus Comms	80	88	-2	4.5	5.4	11.9
765	338	Independent	325	350	..	12.0	3.8	..
602	435	Int Thomson	460	490	●+10	14.0	2.9	14.5
400	185	Maxwell Comm (aa)	200	205	●-3	..	..	..
10¼	400	News Corp	380	420	..	..	..	..
706	230	News International	210	235	..	4.4	2.0	..
290	158	Portsmouth Sund	270	275	●+2	6.2	2.3	21.3
9⅝	473	Trinity Intl	540	570	-20	31.5	5.7	10.8
871	384	Utd Newspapers (aa)	370	373	-2	24.0	6.5	14.7

OILS, GAS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
186	82	Ampol	116	124	..	..	..	..
739	38	Ando Energy	53	56	-5	..	..	..
151	9	Atlantic Resources	9	11	-1	..	..	..
121	31	Aust Oil & Gas	28	32	-2	..	..	..
25½	8	BOM	9½	10	-½	..	..	..
680	408	Br Borneo	470	480	● ..	31.5	6.6	13.6
202	117	British Gas (aa)	122	124	-4	8.9	7.2	6.3
417	233	Br Petroleum (aa)	243	247	+5	17.1	7.0	9.4
381	157	Britoil (aa)	292	295	+18½	12.3	4.2	29.9
185	22	Brynen	65	70	..	..	..	..
620	350	Burmah (aa)	382	390	●-4	21.2	5.5	11.4
575	318	Calor Gp	430	450	..	15.1	3.4	14.1
164	72	Carless Capel	87	89	● ..	3.8	4.3	..
281	130	Century	135	145	●+5	8.1	5.8	8.4
68½	24	Charterhall	23	25	-½	..	..	54.5
152	84	Clyde	88	90	+1	..	..	..
127	34	Conconde Energy	41	45	..	..	..	..
358	182½	Enterprise (aa)	237	240	+2	12.3	5.1	20.3
92	35	Fleetland	48	50	+12	..	..	..
485	250	Global N Res	230	-	..	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	77	Dalgety	130	135	● ..	9.7	7.3	13.7
130	79	Finlay (James)	82	85	●-2	5.7	6.9	..
752	326	Harrison Crosfield	510	520	●-5	32.9	6.4	16.6
950	330	Inchcape	565	575	●-1	30.6	5.4	13.6
363	180	Lonrho (aa)	215	218	-5	16.3	7.5	10.2
130	45	Ocean Wilson	45	50	-1	3.4	7.1	7.4
416	225	Paterson Zoch	277	287	..	9.7	3.4	8.7
416	225	Do 'A'	277	297	+2	9.7	3.4	8.7
429	105	Polly Peck	258	264	-10	10.8	4.1	5.1
108	30	Sime Darby	42	43	+2	..	..	..
224	50	Tozer Kemsley	53	55	-1	1.5	2.8	5.5

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

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PROPERTY

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SHIPPING

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SHOES, LEATHER

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
185	45	Headlam Sims	65	75	..	0.7e	1.0	..
410	201	Lambert Howarth	255	290	-2	10.3	3.8	11.3
411	170	Pittard	305	307	● ..	7.9	2.6	15.3
352	143	Strong & Fisher	203	208	..	14.4	7.0	7.4
371	195	Stylo	200	210	..	6.9	3.4	36.2

TEXTILES

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
418	290	Allied Text	297	297	-3	11.5	3.9	18.2
410	193	Beale (John)	243	253	-4	7.5	3.0	8.0
180	101	Beckman (A)	100	105	● ..	7.9	7.7	10.2
108	24	Bolton	27	32	-1	..	..	20.8
236	137	Br Mohair	173	178	-2	9.1	5.2	9.5
128	61	Caran	60	65	-3	5.5	8.7	17.9
534	300	Courtaulds (aa)	315	320	●-12	13.5	4.2	8.3
210	113	Coalmore	110	120	..	4.1	3.6	..
238	89	Crowther (J)	87	91	●-6	5.1	5.7	5.4
382	179	Dawson	185	191	●-3	9.9	5.3	9.4
221	93	Drummond	98	102	●-5	3.7	3.7	7.9
186	69	Foster (John)	95	100	● ..	5.5	5.6	31.7
275	113	Gaskell Broadloom	135	145	..	8.5	6.1	8.0
99	37	Hicking Pentecost	43	48	-2	..	..	19.7
223	95	Illingworth	115	125	-5	5.8	4.8	10.0
340	117	Jerome (S)	172	182	-3	6.9	3.9	11.8
418	203	Lamont	222	230	-7	8.2	3.6	11.8
365	171½	Leeds	288	298	●+1	8.6	2.9	11.8
240	115	Lister	135	142	+7	4.1	2.9	7.9
137	55	Lyles (S)	73	78	s	4.3	5.7	17.8
323	118	Mackay (Hugh)	240	260	+3	8.2	3.3	20.8
67	11	Manton	35	40	..	..	..	..
245	116	Parkland 'A'	160	165	●-2	7.1	4.4	11.8
111	44½	Readicut	58	61	●-3	3.2	5.3	10.0
228	109	SEET	130	130	..	7.3	5.8	10.2
198	116	Sekers	118	123	●-2	3.6	3.1	8.9
176	87	Sirdar	88	91	-3	7.1	7.9	12.9
205	70	Smallshaw (R)	87	97	●-8	3.6	4.1	8.5
130	32	Stoddard	52	57	●-3	2.5	4.5	6.6
253	80	Textured Jersey	178	188	+5	8.2	4.5	15.4
600	245	Tomkinsons	399	412	●-1	9.6	2.3	10.3
184	87½	Tootal	98	100	●-2	6.0	6.1	12.4
480	30	West Trust	28	38	-2	3.4	10.3	8.5
378	180	Yorklyde	170	190	..	10.3	5.7	7.3

TOBACCOS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
708	380	BAT (aa)	408	410	-2	21.0	5.1	9.7
178	176	Carroll	105	130	..	..	..	..
498	236	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	359	365	●-11	11.2	3.1	10.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	110.8	118.1●	-0.4	10.08
Hi Inc Equity	101.8	108.9●	-4.1	5.37
Worldwide Bd	184.3	197.4●	+0.3	4.91
American Gth	117.5	124.8	-2.0	1.40
Asian Pacific	47.7	51.0●	-0.8	2.71
Assets & Earns	111.8	118.8●	-8.2	2.38
Capital Res	76.4	77.0	-0.1	1.31
Comm Energy	96.4	103.0	+0.3	1.11
Euro Capital	80.5	84.7	+0.4	1.16
General	133.0	142.2	-3.8	3.15
Japan	78.2	83.8	+1.8	..
UK Gth Inc	103.4	110.5	-8.1	2.18
Do Acc	150.5	160.9	-12.2	1.90
US Emerg Co	29.4	31.4●	+0.8	0.00
Income Gth	211.0	225.5●	-4.9	3.99
Master Acc	60.8	65.0	+0.5	3.20
American Inc	38.1	40.7	+0.4	6.44
Ethical Tst	35.7	38.1	..	3.28
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	97.1	103.4	+0.8	1.22
Exempt	330.7	351.5●	+1.9	5.41
Far Eastern	172.0	183.8	+2.0	0.10
Fin & Prop	68.8	72.9	+0.6	2.97
Hi Yield	84.3	88.1	+0.5	5.52
Income & Gth	265.5	282.4●	+1.5	5.02
Inc Earnings	160.1	169.8	+1.0	3.21
Int Growth Inc	78.5	83.8	+1.5	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	128.8	137.7	+1.5	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	102.1	109.2	+1.4	2.75
Preference Inc	122.8	130.1●	..	9.64
Smi Co Div Inc	80.2	85.0	+0.5	4.49
Smi Co Gth	242.0	258.4	+1.4	1.84
Spec Sits Inc	112.3	119.0●	+0.9	1.70
UK Growth	328.0	347.5●	+2.5	3.68
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 28291 dealing0793 610366				
High Income	267.3	283.3	+1.4	5.15
Equity Inc	153.2	162.4	+0.7	5.00
High Yield	155.5	164.5●	+0.6	5.64
Balanced	365.1	387.0●	+2.3	3.72
Amer Inc	24.7	28.3	+0.1	4.53
World Ass Val	21.8	23.2	+0.3	1.38
Japan	121.4	129.3c	+2.1	0.01
Sec of Amer	165.8	176.6●	+2.9	1.61
Asset Value	253.5	268.7●	+1.0	3.82
O'seas Earn	182.5	193.4●	+1.5	3.67
Recovery	90.5	95.9●	+1.0	2.87
UK Spec Sit	218.0	231.1	+0.2	2.98
Smlr Co	147.8	156.5	-0.3	2.27
Capital	218.2	231.3	+1.7	3.35
Amer Spec Sit	49.2	52.4	+1.1	2.04
International	82.2	87.5	+1.0	1.54
Growth & Inc	134.8	142.9	+0.7	3.92
Euro Gth	16.9	18.0	+0.1	2.61
Pacific	179.7	191.4c	+3.4	0.32
2nd Smlr Co	187.2	198.4	+0.4	2.19
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 6801				
American	35.3	37.7	..	2.39
Australian	15.4	16.5	..	2.08
Japan & Gen	138.4	147.3	..	0.03
High Income	47.4	50.6●	..	6.03
International	72.5	77.3	..	0.69
Income Growth	55.3	59.0	..	5.05
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.1	23.6	..	10.23
Global Inc	30.6	32.6	..	6.98
Spec Sit	51.7	55.1	..	1.62

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	371.88		..	5.46
Acc	£11.3459		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS 72/73, Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6822				
S/C Spec Sit	53.6	58.7	..	0.51
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	16.0	17.1	-0.1	1.15
Atlas Gth	20.0	21.3	+0.2	1.48
Dragon Gth	15.9	17.0	+0.5	2.78
Equity Hi Inc	47.9	51.1●	-0.7	5.37
European Gth	20.7	22.1●	..	2.20
Gen Equity	41.0	43.6	-0.3	3.31
G/F Intrst Gth	32.1	33.6	-0.1	7.99
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.8	26.2●	..	9.12
Int Income Tst	21.1	22.5●	+0.1	5.93
Japan Gth	38.4	40.9	+0.7	0.00
Pedigree Gth	23.3	24.9	-0.2	2.77
Special Sits	28.2	30.1	-0.4	2.83
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	46.3	49.5●	+0.2	4.17
Do Acc	47.7	50.7●	+0.2	4.17
Income Inc	50.2	53.4●	..	4.48
Do Acc	51.5	54.9●	..	4.48
Worldwide Inc	38.1	40.7	+0.6	1.09
Do Acc	38.2	40.8	+0.5	1.09
Gemma Inc	28.2	30.0	+0.2	0.97
Do Acc	28.2	30.0	+0.2	0.97
Amer Gth	46.2	49.1	+0.5	0.94
Euro Gth	44.7	47.6	..	0.69
Far East	48.5	51.6	..	0.14
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	94.2	101.6	-1.6	0.88
Canadian Gth	16.8	18.2	-0.3	1.50
European Tst	78.5	82.7	-2.1	..
Growth Tst	221.8	239.8	-3.8	3.57
High Income	267.2	288.9	-4.4	5.84
Int Tech Tst	91.1	98.5	-1.4	..
Japanese Tst	178.1	192.5	+2.2	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 0737-242424				
European Gth	41.8	45.0●	+0.1	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	31.0	33.7	-0.1	1.30
International	40.8	43.9●	-0.3	3.50
N Amer Gth	33.7	36.2	+0.2	1.00
Pacific Gth	44.3	47.7●	+0.7	4.80
UK Gth Acc	50.5	54.4	-0.4	0.50
Do Dist	49.4	53.2	-0.3	0.50
UK Income	49.8	53.6	-0.1	4.60
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fd	49.2	52.4●	..	1.84
Capital Fd	102.2	108.9	..	1.56
Eurofund	19.3	20.6	..	2.44
Growth & Inc	148.6	158.5	..	4.36
High Dist Fd	126.4	134.6●	..	5.57

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Callfree 0800 414161				
American	83.3	89.1●	+1.6	1.27
Amer Eqty Inc	24.9	26.6●	+0.2	5.32
Amer Spec Sit	33.2	35.6	+0.3	0.28
Australia	19.2	20.5	+0.1	2.16
European	43.4	46.5	-0.4	..
European Inc	19.3	20.6	..	4.66
Global Conv	20.8	22.2c	+0.2	5.68
Far East Inc	33.6	35.8●	+0.2	4.19
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.9	●	..	9.81
Growth & Inc	96.4	103.2●	+1.9	4.55
Japan Spec Sit	55.3	59.2	..	..
Japan	137.5	140.7	-0.4	..
Man Interest	105.5	112.3	+1.1	0.88
Max Inc Eqty	90.1	95.4●	-4.7	5.21
Famous Names	34.6	37.1	-0.8	2.98
SE Asia	26.1	27.8	+0.4	0.72
Spec Sit	209.9	224.5	-7.7	0.94
Eastern Opps	18.7	19.9	..	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	128.6	136.0	+2.8	..
Do Acc	131.4	139.0	+2.8	..
Amer Turn Inc	138.2	146.2	+2.4	1.03
Do Acc	143.3	151.6	+2.5	1.03
Capital Inc	231.6	245.0	+1.5	2.41
Do Acc	285.4	302.0	+1.8	2.41
Conv/Gilt Inc	96.0	101.5c	+0.1	4.59
Do Acc	132.0	139.6c	+0.1	4.59
European Inc	46.6	49.5	+0.1	0.88
Do Acc	47.0	49.7	+0.1	0.88
Extra Inc Inc	204.6	216.5	+0.7	4.80
Do Acc	227.9	241.1	+0.8	4.80
Financial Acc	36.2	38.3●	+0.1	0.93
Do Inc	36.1	38.2●	+0.2	0.93
Income Tst	132.1	138.7●	+1.0	4.35
Do Acc	145.5	153.9●	+1.1	4.35
Int Growth Inc	114.9	121.5	+1.7	..
Do Acc	127.5	135.0	+1.9	..
Japan/Gen Inc	94.3	99.7	+1.0	..
Do Acc	95.3	100.6	+1.2	..
Monthly Inc Fd	104.3	110.3●	+0.5	4.28
PEP 87	50.1	53.0	+0.1	2.67
Recovery	138.9	145.9	+1.0	1.46
Do Acc	151.8	160.6	+1.2	1.46
Smaller Inc	46.6	49.3	-0.1	2.02
Do Acc	46.6	49.3	+0.1	2.02
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Dealing0722 411411 Admin0722 411622				
Equity Dist	199.4	211.6●	+0.4	2.95
Do Acc	343.0	364.1●	+0.7	2.95
Euro Gth Dist	44.2	46.9	+0.3	1.07
Do Acc	44.2	46.9	+0.3	1.07
Fxd Interest Di	115.2	122.5●	-0.2	10.12
Do Acc	145.7	154.9●	-0.3	10.12
Int Gth Dist	46.3	49.2	+0.1	1.52
Do Acc	46.3	49.2	+0.1	1.52
Nth Amer Dist	96.3	102.3	+2.3	2.51
Do Acc	97.0	103.0	+2.4	2.51
Pac Basn Dist	145.9	155.0	-0.3	0.24
Do Acc	146.1	155.2	-0.2	0.24
Steward Dist	195.6	207.5●	-0.8	1.42
Do Acc	204.9	217.5●	-0.9	1.42
Steward Inc Di	47.5	50.4	-0.2	3.97
Do Acc	47.5	50.4	-0.2	3.97
N Am Stwd Di	44.0	46.7	+0.9	2.14
Do Acc	44.0	46.7	+0.9	2.14
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 8 Crosby Square London EC3A 6AQ 01-588 6993/4/5				
UK Equity Inc	28.5	30.1	+0.1	5.92
Do Acc	29.8	31.4	+0.1	..
UK Cap Gi	20.0	21.1	-0.2	0.75
Euro Tst Inc	19.0	20.3●	..	0.11
Do Acc	19.0	20.3●	..	..
Global Gth Inc	25.8	27.5●	+0.5	0.19
Do Acc	25.9	27.5●	+0.5	..
Man Exempt	125.7	132.0	..	..
Pacific Basin	24.1	25.7	+0.2	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Exempt	95.7	102.0●	..	1.79
Equity Ex Acc	183.1	195.4●	..	1.79
Euro Spec Sit	66.2	70.4●	+0.5	1.54
Convertible	132.0	140.5●	..	6.22
Financial	26.2	27.9●	+0.4	2.25
Global Inc	48.4	51.7	+0.4	0.00
Do Acc	48.4	51.7	+0.4	..
Gold Income	61.7	65.6●	+0.4	0.76
Do Acc	113.7	121.0	+0.6	0.76
Income	88.0	93.8●	+1.5	4.29
Japan	105.0	111.8	+2.1	0.10
Pacific Inc	87.2	92.7	+1.7	1.14
Do Reinvest	108.1	115.1	+2.0	1.14
Pref Share Fd	22.0	23.4	..	7.81
UK Capital	70.9	75.6	+0.1	1.61

…(27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
465	165	Abelcast	150	180	-10	4.8	2.9	13.8
56	18	Alpr Aus Pat	19	22	-2	..	..	..
150	110	Allied Ire	119	129	..	5.5	4.4	15.9
315	35	Ambercolour	33	38	..	..	..	..
111	55	Andaman Res	60	65	-2	..	..	..
285	116	Broadcast	150	170	+5	..	..	..
192	61	Camotech	80	90	●+5	2.8	3.3	23.7
103	45	Catalyst	54	58	-2	..	..	18.6
203	130	Chelsea Ad	150	165	..	..	..	..
110	40	Chemex Intl	35	45	..	..	..	..
159	77	Cornac	72	82	..	3.3	4.3	10.9
151	50	Caton Bcb	60	64	-3	0.6	1.0	16.7
228	135	Crown Eye	145	155	-5	..	..	45.5
17	13	Eglinton	12	14	..	..	..	..
10	8	Do Wnts	7	9	..	..	..	..
188	65	Far E Res	100	110	-3	..	..	..
110	57	Gardner (J)	52	62	..	..	..	..
53	19	Henochel	21	23	+1	..	..	..
73	41	Kemp (PE)	38	43	..	..	..	..
181	56	Leading Lsr	63	68	-2	..	..	..
95	68	Lynx Tech	60	70	..	..	..	7.5
189	87	Medicare	82	92	-1	..	..	..
80	15	Pub Hldgs	27	32	..	..	..	17.3
138	82	Seacon	77	87	..	..	..	..
67	35	Thame Hldgs	38	48	●..	1.4	3.3	22.5
715	130	UPL	127	137	+2	..	..	..
140	108	Unit Group	118	128	●..	6.9	5.7	6.8

GOLD

BULLION:

Open: $484.50-485.00 Close: $487.25-487.75

High: $488.25-489.00 Low: $483.50-484.00

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)

Britannia: $501.00-506.00 (£274.00-277.00)

Krugerrand*: $486.00-489.00 (£266.00-268.00)

Mapleleaf (1oz): $501.00-506.00 (£274.00-277.00)

American Eagles: $501.00-506.00 (£274.00-277.00)

New Sovereigns*: $114.50-115.50 (£62.50-63.25)

Old Sovereigns*: $114.50-116.00 (£62.50-63.50)

Platinum: $495.50 (£271.50)

Palladium: $118.00 (£64.70)

Silver: $6.81-6.83 (£3.725-3.740)

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 76.0 (day's range 75.8-76.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for December 10

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8030-1.8300	1.8275-1.8285	0.03pr-par	0.27-0.23pr
Montrl	2.3547-2.3880	2.3849-2.3880	par-0.19ds	0.04-0.25ds
Amstrdm	3.3634-3.3763	3.3672-3.3745	1⅛-⅞pr	3½-3⅛pr
Brussels	62.62-62.94	62.68-62.85	19-3pr	42-21pr
Copnhgn	11.5145-11.5817	11.5388-11.5817	⅝-2⅛ds	2⅝-4⅛ds
Dublin	1.1256-1.1289	1.1274-1.1284	7pr-par	9pr-3ds
Frankft	2.9898-2.9992	2.9944-2.9987	1⅜-1pr	3¾-3⅜pr
Lisbon	241.61-244.17	242.14-243.65	75-53pr	230-164pr
Madrid	202.30-203.15	202.87-203.15	60-81ds	204-255ds
Milan	2205.07-2217.07	2210.36-2217.06	2-5ds	11-16ds
Oslo	11.5771-11.6768	11.6330-11.6759	5¾-6⅞ds	16⅝-18⅞ds
Paris	10.1464-10.1863	10.1609-10.1847	par-1⅛ds	⅜-⅝ds
Stckhlm	10.8315-10.8960	10.8718-10.8960	⅝-1⅛ds	1⅞-2⅝ds
Tokyo	236.94-238.51	236.94-237.34	⅝-½pr	2⅝-2¼pr
Vienna	21.04-21.13	21.10-21.13	7⅝-6⅝pr	23⅝-20⅝pr
Zurich	2.4398-2.4560	2.4425-2.4474	1-⅞pr	2⅝-2⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	7.7387-7.9261
Australia dollar	2.5819-2.5870
Bahrain dinar	0.6865-0.6905
Brazil cruzado*	119.71-120.37
Cyprus pound	0.8150-0.8250
Finland marka	7.3825-7.4225
Greece drachma	235.75-237.75
Hong Kong dollar	14.2020-14.2112
India rupee	23.58-23.76
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5010-0.5050
Malaysia dollar	4.5480-4.5543
Mexico peso	4000-4100
New Zealand dollar	2.8578-2.8819
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.8275-6.8675
Singapore dollar	3.6925-3.7038
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4375-5.5227
S Africa rand (com)	3.5564-3.5654
U A E dirham	6.6875-6.7275

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6000-1.6020	Denmark	6.3200-6.3250	Italy	1207.0-1212.0
Singapore	2.0200-2.0250	W Germany	1.6380-1.6390	Belgium (Com)	34.25-34.30
Malaysia	2.4880-2.4900	Switzerland	1.3355-1.3365	Hong Kong	7.7690-7.7700
Australia	0.7070-0.7080	Netherlands	1.8425-1.8435	Portugal	133.75-134.25
Canada	1.3040-1.3050	France	5.5600-5.5650	Spain	110.85-111.15
Sweden	5.9500-5.9550	Japan	129.45-129.55	Austria	11.53-11.56
Norway	6.3800-6.3850				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9½

Discount Market Loans %

Overnight High: 8½ Low 8 Week fixed: 8½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying: 2 mth – 8⅜ 3 mth – 8⅜

Selling: 2 mth – 8⅜ 3 mth – 8

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mth: 8⁵⁄₁₆-8⅜ 2 mth: 8⁵⁄₃₂-8⅛ 3 mth: 8⅛-8⁷⁄₃₂

6 mth 8⁵⁄₁₆-8⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8⅞

6 mth 8⅞

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 7½ close 10½

1 week: 8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 8⅝-8½ 3 mth: 8⁹⁄₁₆-8⅜

6 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 9-8⅞ 12 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-9

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 day: 8⅜ 7 day: 8⅛ 1 mth: 8⅜

3 mth: 8⅝ 6 mth: 8¾ 12 mth: 8⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mth: 8⅜-8½ 2 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆

6 mth: 8⅞-8⅞ 9 mth: 8⅞-8⅝ 12 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mth: 8⅝-8¹⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 8¹⁷⁄₃₂-8¹⁵⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 8⅝-8⅝

12 mth: 8⅞-8⅝

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mth: 8.30-8.25 3 mth: 8.00-7.95 6 mth: 8.05-8.00

12 mth: 8.25-8.20

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6⅝-5⅞	6⅝-6⅜	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8	8⅛-8
Deutschemark: Call: 3⅞-2⅞	3⅝-3	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	3⅝-3⅜	4-3⅞
French Franc: Call: 8⅛-7⅞	8⅞-8⅜	9⅛-9	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆
Swiss Franc: Call: 1⅛-⅞	⅞-⅝	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4-3⅞
Yen: Call: 3⅞-2⅞	4⅜-4⅛	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: November 30, 1987. Agreed rates December 26, 1987 to January 25, 1988. Scheme I: 10.51 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.25 per cent. Reference rate October 31, 1987 to November 30, 1987. Scheme IV: 9.008 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 26214		
Dec 87	91.31	91.40	91.28	91.36	1542
Mar 88	91.40	91.43	91.29	91.37	5961
Jun 88	91.19	91.20	91.10	91.19	813
Sep 88	90.93	90.98	90.89	90.98	66
Dec 88	90.80	90.80	90.80	90.80	25
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.60	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 37495		
Dec 87	92.01	92.08	91.93	91.98	2380
Mar 88	92.13	92.19	92.00	92.04	5676
Jun 88	91.90	91.93	91.77	91.82	187
Sep 88	91.60	91.63	91.57	91.53	62
Dec 88	91.35	91.35	91.35	91.25	10
Mar 89	NT	—	—	91.02	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7024		
Dec 87	86-29	86-30	85-21	85-14	69
Mar 88	85-30	85-30	84-08	84-13	10395
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 25295		
Dec 87	118-18	118-30	118-07	118-12	481
Mar 88	118-20	119-10	117-23	118-12	29561
Jun 88	NT	—	—	118-02	0
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 6105		
Dec 87	165.80	165.80	159.00	162.50	2823
Mar 88	167.50	168.50	161.80	165.75	687
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 581		
Mar 88	105.15	105.62	104.79	105.47	423
Jun 88	NT	—	—	105.17	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Brent fought hard to defend gains achieved in late night US trade, though with news from Opec in short supply the market remained illiquid. While forward Russian Gasoil traded well at slightly higher prices, the rest of the barrel remained stable.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	17.55	+15
15 day Jan	17.80	-15
15 day Feb	17.50	+15
WTI Jan	18.30	+10
WTI Feb	17.95	+15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		178-180	
Gasoil EEC	+2	164-166	+1
Non 1H Dec	+1	158-159	+1
Non 1H Jan		157-158	
3.5 Fuel Oil		79-81	
Naphta		150-151	

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jan 88 Hi 1280-1265 Low Close 1268.0

Apr 88 Hi 1290-1279 Low Close 1280.0

Jul 88 Hi 1149-1130 Low Close 1137.5

Oct 88 Hi 1230-1230 Low Close 1230.0

Vol 363 lots Open interest 1452

Dry cargo index 1267.0 -3.0 on 9/12/87

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Jan	158.00-57.75
Feb	154.50-54.25
Mar	151.00-50.75
Apr	147.25-47.00
May	146.50-46.00
Jun	147.00-46.50
Jul	147.50-44.00
Aug	148.00-44.00
Sep	150.00-45.00
Vol	2687

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Jan	unq.
Feb	unq.
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	89.0	88.5
Mar	88.0	87.1
Apr	143.8	142.8
May	157.1	156.0
		Vol 75

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Dec 1020-016	Sep 1108-107
Mar 1049-048	Dec 1133-132
May 1068-067	Mar 1158-156
Jul 1088-087	Vol 5020

COFFEE G W Joynson

Jan 1215-214	Sep 1285-284
Mar 1236-235	Nov 1303-301
May 1254-251	Jan 1330-310
Jul 1268-265	Vol 2688

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2159

Mar 183.4-83.8	Oct 184.4-84.6
May 183.2-83.4	Dec 185.4-86.6
Aug 183.2-83.4	Mar 189.0-90.6

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 267

Ja 115.60 Mr 117.05 My 119.10

Jl 121.80 Sp 103.50 Nv 105.50

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 94

Ja 107.60 Mr 109.15 My 110.50

Sp 97.70 Nv 100.10 Ja 102.35

SOYABEAN

Feb 142.5-42.0	Oct 122.5-21.5
Apr 135.0-34.8	Dec 123.5-22.5
Jun 125.5-21.5	
Aug 122.5-21.5	Vol 3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1435.0-1440.0	1285.0-1286.0	191050	Firmer
Copper Stand	1390.0-1400.0	1265.0-1270.0	300	Quiet
Lead	354.00-355.00	341.50-342.00	36625	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde	477.00-478.00	479.50-480.00	19525	Brly Stdy
Silver Large†	669.00-670.00	682.00-684.00	7	Quiet
Silver Small†	669.00-670.00	682.00-684.00	Nil	Idle
Aluminium	959.00-960.00	929.00-930.00	173450	Brly Stdy
Aluminium HI*	1725.0-1735.0	1705.0-1715.0	16450	Idle
Nickel	3885-3895	3839-3840	5832	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	91.0	91.0
Apr	94.0	93.8
Jun	94.0	94.0
Aug	95.5	95.5

Live Cattle Contract

Jan	104.1	104.3
Feb	103.6	103.5
Apr	100.5	100.5

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on December 10

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	75.02	208.41	108.85
GB (+/-)	+1.90	*+4.92	+4.04
Eng/Wal (%)	+2.2	*+4.6	+17.0
Eng/Wal (p)	75.16	210.90	109.40
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+2.11	+7.41	+4.50
Scotland (%)	+59.5	+35.9	+7.4
Scotland (p)	72.73	202.53	106.65
Scotland (+/-)	-1.93	-0.97	+2.15

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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Law Report December 11 1987 House of Lords

Journalist liable to punishment for concealing source of leak

In re an Inquiry under the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act 1985

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches December 10]

A financial journalist who refused to disclose the sources of information contained in two newspaper articles to inspectors inquiring into whether any contravention of the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act 1985 had occurred did not have a reasonable excuse for so doing where such disclosure was necessary for the prevention of crime.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the journalist, Mr Jeremy Warner, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Lloyd and Sir George Waller) (*The Times* May 7, 1987) who had allowed an appeal by the inspectors from Mr Justice Hoffmann (*The Times* April 1, 1987).

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Miss Adrienne Page for Mr Warner; Mr John Mummery for the inspectors.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that on December 12, 1986, the inspectors had been appointed by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 177 of the Financial Services Act 1986 to hold an inquiry into suspected leaks of price-sensitive information about take-over bids from the Office of Fair Trading, the Department of Trade and Industry or the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The information had concerned in some cases the advice of the Director General of Fair Trading to the secretary of state as to whether to refer a bid to the commission and in the others the contents of unpublished reports by the commission.

Such information was "price-sensitive" because the usual effect of the reference of a takeover bid to the commission was to depress the price of the target company, and in cases where the market was uncertain as to whether or not there would be a reference the announcement that there would be no reference was likely to increase the price of the target company.

The conditions on which a bid was approved were also likely to affect the price of the shares of the companies involved.

It had appeared that that price-sensitive information was being leaked to people who were using it to speculate on the Stock Exchange — a form of insider dealing that constituted a criminal offence prohibited by section 2 of the 1985 Act.

Mr Warner had written two articles, in *The Times* on November 8, 1985 and in *The Independent* on October 26, 1986, from which it appeared that he had been in possession of leaked information. The inspectors had naturally wished to question him about the sources from which he had obtained the information on which he had based those articles.

He had agreed that he had written them after consulting sources but had refused to identify his sources or to answer any questions that might indirectly identify them. He had taken his stance on the principle that a journalist could not disclose his sources.

The inspectors had referred the matter to the High Court pursuant to section 178 of the 1986 Act, which provided: "(1) If any person — (a) refuses to comply with any request under [section 177(3), for assistance in connexion with the investigation]; or (b) refuses to answer any question put to him by the inspectors . . . with respect to any matter relevant for establishing whether or not any suspected contravention has occurred, the inspectors may certify that fact in writing to the court and the court may inquire into the case.

"(2) If . . . the court is satisfied that he did without reasonable excuse refuse to comply with such a request or answer any such question, the court may — (a) punish him in like manner as if he had been guilty of contempt of the court . . .".

Whether or not Mr Warner had had a reasonable excuse for refusing to answer the inspectors' questions depended on the true construction of section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and a consideration of the evidence before the High Court.

Section 10 provided: "No court may require a person to disclose, nor is any person guilty of contempt of court for refusing to disclose, the source of information contained in a publication for which he is responsible, unless it be established to the satisfaction of the court that disclosure is necessary in the interests of justice or national security or for the prevention of disorder or crime."

The genesis and purpose of section 10 had recently been discussed in the House of Lords in *Secretary of State for Defence v Guardian Newspapers Ltd* ([1985] AC 339) and in the judgment of Lord Justice Slade in the present case.

Its effect was to recognize and establish that in the interests of a free and effective Press it was in the public interest that a journalist should be entitled to protect his sources unless some other overriding public interest required him to reveal them.

The section was so cast that a journalist was *prima facie* entitled to refuse to reveal his source and a court might make no order that had the effect of compelling him to do so unless the party seeking disclosure established that it was necessary under one or the other four heads of public interest identified in the section.

In his Lordship's view, section 10 had no direct application to a reference under section 178, but Parliament had recognized the privilege of a journalist to protect his source and spelled out the limitations of that privilege in section 10.

When deciding on the limits of the privilege, in whatever circumstances it was claimed, a court should follow the guidance of Parliament and apply the test provided in section 10.

His Lordship could conceive of extreme cases in which the judge might properly refuse to order a journalist to reveal his sources even where the party seeking disclosure had discharged the burden on him of satisfying the judge that their identification was necessary for the prevention of crime: if, for instance, the crime was of a trivial nature or, at the other end of the scale, the journalist's life might be imperilled if he revealed his source.

However, it was not suggested that this was such an extreme case, and Mr Warner accepted that, if it had been established that the identification of his sources was necessary for the prevention of crime, he had no "reasonable excuse" for refusing to do so.

What, then, was meant by the words "necessary . . . for the prevention of . . . crime" in section 10? His Lordship did not think that much light was thrown on that question by an elaborate discussion of the word "necessary", which was a word in common usage in everyday speech with which everyone was familiar. Like all words, it would take colour from its context.

His Lordship doubted if it was possible to go further than to say that "necessary" had a meaning that lay somewhere between "indispensable" on the one hand and "useful" or "expedient" on the other and to leave it to the judge to decide towards which end of the scale of meaning he would place it on the facts of any particular case. The nearest paraphrase that his Lordship could suggest was "really needed".

The words "prevention of crime" did, however, admit of more than one construction. The judge had adopted a narrow construction for which Mr Warner contended. He had held that "it must appear probable that in the absence of disclosure by the journalist further crimes are likely to be committed".

Later, he had said: "The facts to which the inspectors deposed do not therefore in my judgment show a probability that only the disclosure of his sources by Mr Warner can prevent further insider dealing."

No one could be so optimistic as to believe that any measure would ever prevent crime, including "insider dealing", being committed in the future.

Mr Kentridge had submitted that that narrow construction meant that "prevention of crime" was limited to a situation in which the identification of the source would allow steps to be taken to prevent the commission of a particular indentifiable future crime or crimes.

The phrase "prevention of crime" carried, to his Lordship's mind, very different overtones from "prevention of a crime" or even "prevention of crimes".

There were frequent articles and programmes in the media on the prevention of crime. The subject on those occasions was discussed from many points of view including the social background in which crime bred, detection, deterrence, retribution, punishment, rehabilitation and so forth.

The prevention of crime in that broad sense was a matter of public and vital interest to any civilized society. Crime was endemic in society and would probably never be eradicated, but its containment was essential. If crime got the upper hand and became the rule rather than the exception, the collapse of society would swiftly follow.

By identifying "prevention of crime" as one of the four heads of public interest to which the journalist's privilege might occasionally have to yield, his Lordship was satisfied that Parliament had used the phrase in its wider and, he thought, natural meaning rather than in the restricted sense for which Mr Warner contended.

In the light of the inspectors' report it was to be hoped that steps could be taken towards stamping out this form of insider dealing by exposing and perhaps punishing both those who leaked the information and those who traded on it and by considering further measures that could be taken to prevent future leaks and insider trading.

Mr Warner himself had recognized that the inspectors were engaged on an investigation of a criminal nature, and his Lordship had no doubt that the inquiry was being undertaken for the "prevention of crime" within the meaning of section 10.

He agreed with the Court of Appeal that Mr Warner's evidence was necessary, or, to use the paraphrase, really needed by the inspectors for the purpose of their inquiry the aim of which was the prevention of crime.

For those reasons, he would dismiss the appeal and direct that the case be remitted to the Chancery Division of the High Court so that a judge of that division might consider the question of punishment. It would not be appropriate for the Court of Appeal to inflict punishment, for that would deprive Mr Warner of his right of appeal against any punishment inflicted.

Lord Keith, Lord Roskill and Lord Goff agreed and Lord Oliver delivered a concurring opinion.

Solicitors: Oswald Hickson, Collier & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Stud buildings are not agricultural for rating

Hemens (Valuation Officer) v Whitsbury Farm and Stud Ltd

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches December 10]

To be exempt from rating as an agricultural building under section 26(4)(a) of the General Rate Act 1967 a building had to be ancillary or complementary to the agricultural purpose of the land, not vice versa; accordingly, the ratepayers' stud buildings used for the breeding, rearing and keeping of thoroughbred horses grazed on the admittedly agricultural land attached to them were not exempt.

Nor were they exempt by virtue of section 2(1)(a) of the Rating Act 1971 as being used for the keeping or breeding of livestock since the horses were not kept for the production of food or wool or for the purpose of their use in the farming of land and accordingly were not "livestock" within section 1(3).

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the ratepayers, Whitsbury Farm and Stud Ltd, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Balcombe) (*The Times* November 10, 1986; [1987] QB 390) who had dismissed their appeal from the Lands Tribunal.

Section 26 of the 1967 Act provides: "(1) No agricultural land or agricultural buildings shall be liable to be rated . . .

"(3) . . . the expression 'agricultural land' — (a) means any land used as arable meadow or pasture ground only . . .

"(4) . . . the expression 'agricultural buildings' — (a) means buildings (other than dwellings) occupied together with agricultural land . . . and . . . used dolely in connection with agricultural operations thereon . . .".

Section 1 of the 1971 Act provides: "(3) . . . 'livestock' includes any mammal or bird kept for the production of food or wool or for the purpose of its use in the farming of land . . .".

Section 2 provides: "(1) . . . each of the following is an agricultural building . . . (a) any building used for the keeping or breeding of livestock; . . .".

Mr William Glover, QC and Mr Alun Alesbury for the ratepayers; Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr David Mole for the valuation officer.

LORD KEITH said that each of the ratepayers' four separate hereditaments comprised buildings of the sort usually to be found on stud farms, in particular stable blocks, loose boxes, covering yards and sheds, foaling boxes, veterinary rooms, hay stores and feed stores.

The basis of the valuation officer's concession that the land occupied with the buildings was agricultural was that it was used for grazing by horses.

He accepted that it was used as "pasture ground only" within the meaning of that expression in section 26(3)(a) of the 1967 Act notwithstanding that the horses put to pasture there were thoroughbreds that had nothing to do with farming in the ordinarily understood sense of the word.

The concession was rightly made. There was nothing in section 26(3)(a) or elsewhere that expressly limited use as pasture ground so as to exclude the pasturing of animals that were not reared as food or for use in the farming of the land, and his Lordship did not think that such an exclusion could be implied.

The other requirement of section 26(4)(a) if a building were to qualify as an agricultural building was that it should be used solely in connection with agricultural operations on the land.

The expression "agricultural operations" was nowhere defined. In its ordinary meaning it indicated operations concerned with the raising of crops or the rearing of animals so as to produce or contribute to the production of "the means of human subsistence" (*per* Lord Robertson in *Hardie v Assessor for West Lothian* (1940 SC 329, 334)).

In the present context, however, it must bear a meaning to some extent wider than that. Included in the meaning of agricultural land under subsection (3)(a) was land used for a plantation or a wood, and also certain cottage gardens and nursery grounds, where no doubt flowers and not any foodstuffs might be grown.

No operations that were agricultural in the ordinary sense of the word would be carried out on such land, but one would not readily impute to Parliament an intention to exclude from the benefit of derating buildings used solely in connection with the carrying out of silvicultural or horticultural activities on those categories of "agricultural" land.

Likewise, the special treatment for rating purposes of certain dwelling-houses provided for by section 26(2) would, considering that a wood was to be treated as agricultural land, seem no less appropriate for a house occupied by a forestry worker than for one occupied by a farm worker.

The ratepayers had argued that, since the use of the land as pasture for thoroughbreds admittedly made it agricultural land, the activity of pasturing those horses was necessarily an agricultural operation; that operation was part of the activity of raising and keeping thoroughbreds; the same activity was what the buildings were used for; and hence the buildings were used, and solely used, in connection with an agricultural operation on the land.

It was necessary to give some consideration to the meaning of the words "in connection with". In *Gilmore v Baker-Carr* ([1962] 1 WLR 1165, 1175) Lord Justice Donovan had said: "But the clear impression which I receive from the statutory language is that the buildings exempted were to be ancillary or complementary to the agricultural purpose of the land, and not vice versa."

That passage had been approved by Viscount Dilhorne in *W. & J. B. Eastwood Ltd v Herrod* ([1971] AC 160, 181); see also *per* Lord Reid and Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest, at pp168 and 174. The concept was thus that of principal and accessory. The use of the agricultural land was contemplated as being the principal use and that of the buildings as being an accessory use.

In the present case, the use of the buildings was for all the most important operations concerned with the breeding, rearing and keeping of thoroughbreds. The use of the agricultural land was for the pasturing of the same horses.

It was that use and nothing else that made the land agricultural within the definition. The use of the pasture land served the purposes for which the buildings were used, namely the breeding, rearing and keeping of thoroughbreds. The use of the buildings did not serve the purpose for which the pasture land was used. It was not ancillary to it. It was an end and purpose in itself.

His Lordship would therefore hold that the buildings were not used in connection with agricultural operations on the pasture land, and were certainly not used solely in connection with such operations.

It was next necessary to consider whether the buildings qualified as "agricultural buildings" under section 2(1)(a) of the 1971 Act as being buildings "used for the keeping or breeding of livestock". The answer to that question turned on the meaning of "livestock". Did that word include thoroughbred horses?

The definition in section 1(3) was introduced by the word "includes". So the ratepayers had argued that the ordinary meaning of "livestock" was not thereby cut down and that the ordinary meaning of the word was wide enough to embrace any animal that gained its sustenance from the land, in particular a thoroughbred horse.

There could be no doubt that in some cases the language of an "inclusive" definition, considered with the general context, could have the effect that the ordinary natural meaning of a word or expression was to some extent cut down.

The context here was agricultural, and the kind of mammals and birds mentioned in section 1(3) were those that one would expect to find on an ordinary farm. An intention to cover animals not normally regarded as ordinary farm creatures — for example, dogs, cats and mice — was not readily to be inferred.

On the other hand, the words "*any* mammal or bird" might well have been intended to cover the case where some unconventional type of mammal or bird came to be kept for food production — for example, a deer.

In *Belmont Farm Ltd v Minister of Housing and Local Government* ((1962) 13 P & CR 417), a Divisional Court in construing the definition of "agriculture" contained in section 119(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, had held that the words "the breeding and keeping of livestock (including any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skins or fur, or for the purpose of its use in the farming of the land)" did not cover the breeding and keeping of horses for showjumping.

Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice, had said (at p421-22): "Of course, on one view 'livestock' can be said to be used in contradiction to dead stock, and to include any animal whatsoever. In some contexts that might be so, but it seems to me that in the context of agriculture, as here, it has some less extensive meaning . . .

"I find it unnecessary to decide what it would mean if it stood alone because it does not stand alone, and the words in brackets that follow assist in determining what is meant by 'livestock'. The words are 'including any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skins or fur'.

"Pausing there, that is clearly an extension to cover, no doubt, an argument that, for instance, bees, possibly pheasants and fish are not livestock. It covers any creature kept for this purpose, and it then goes on to say 'including any creature kept for the purpose of its use in the farming of land'.

"Granting that the word 'including' has been used in an extensive sense, it seems to me nonsense for the draftsman to use those words 'any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skins or fur, or for the purpose of its use in the farming of land', if the word 'livestock' was intended to cover the keeping of any creature whether for its use in farming of land or not.

"It seems to me that those words show a clear intention that 'livestock', however it is interpreted, does not extend to the breeding and keeping of horses unless it is for the purpose of their use in the farming of land."

That reasoning was equally applicable to section 1(3) of the 1971 Act, and his Lordship concluded that thoroughbred horses did not fall within the term "livestock".

Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths and Lord Oliver agreed and Lord Goff delivered an opinion concurring in the result.

Solicitors: Penningtons Ward Bowie for Rustons & Lloyd, Newmarket; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Divorce decrees a nullity in re-transferred cases

Nissim v Nissim

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Ewbank

[Judgment December 7]

Family proceedings which had been commenced in a county court and transferred to the High Court otherwise than under section 39 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1984 or section 41 of the County Courts Act 1984 could not be transferred back to the county court.

Where, therefore, a divorce suit had been transferred to the High Court under rule 18(5) of the Matrimonial Causes Rules (SI 1977 No 344) upon the filing of an answer and had consequently been in the High Court on the date when rule 27 of the 1977 Rules (which provided for transfer to the county court) had been revoked and sections 38 and 39 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 had come into force, an order made after that date purporting to transfer the suit back to the county court was invalid and subsequent orders purportedly made in the county court (including the decree nisi) were null and void.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the husband, Mr Louis Nissim, from a purported order of Peterborough County Court (Judge Young) on November 30 in a divorce suit.

Section 38 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 provides: "(1) At any stage in any family proceedings in the High Court the High Court may, if the proceedings are transferable under this section . . . order the transfer of . . . the proceedings to a county court.

"(2) The following family proceedings are transferable to a county court under this section . . . (*a*) . . . family proceedings commenced in the High Court . . . ; (*b*)wardship proceedings . . . ; (*c*) all family proceedings transferred from a county court to the High Court under section 39 below or section 41 of the County Courts Act 1984 (transfer to the High Court by order of the High Court)."

Mr Edward Grayson for the husband; Mr Timothy Clark for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that this appeal had brought before the Court of Appeal for the first time a lacuna in the provisions of the 1984 Act. Divorce proceedings had been instituted by the wife in 1985 in the county court. In January 1986 the husband filed an answer and the suit had consequently been transferred to the High Court pursuant to rule 18(5).

On April 28, 1986, rule 27 of the 1977 Rules, *inter alia*, had been revoked by the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules (SI 1986 No 634) and sections 38 and 39 of the 1984 Act, *inter alia*, had been brought into force by the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (Commencement No 3) Order (SI 1986 No 365).

In November 1986, the parties having agreed that the prayer in the petition should be stayed and a divorce granted on the prayer in the answer, the district registrar in the High Court had purported to transfer the suit back to the county court under rule 27 of the 1977 Rules.

There was no reference in section 38(2) to proceedings which had been transferred under rule 18(5) and, since the effect of section 38(1) was to make all family proceedings in the High Court transferable except those not referred to in section 38(2), the district registrar's order had therefore been made without jurisdiction and was a nullity.

It followed that the suit remained in the High Court and that orders which the county court had purported to make in the suit subsequently had also been nullities, including the decree nisi and the order under appeal. There was therefore nothing to appeal against and the appeal had to be dismissed.

The High Court would now have to pronounce a decree nisi and give directions for the future conduct of the proceedings.

MR JUSTICE EWBANK, concurring, emphasised that all divorce cases which had been begun in a county court and transferred to the High Court before April 28, 1986 and had been in that court on that date had to remain in the High Court because there was no power to transfer them back to county courts.

Where suits had purportedly been transferred back to county courts after that date, any orders subsequently made in them by county courts were nullities.

Solicitors: Jeffreys Orrell & Co, Peterborough; Michael & Co, Leicester

Prosecuting counsel responsible for presentation of indictment

Regina v Newland

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones and Mr Justice Leonard

[Judgment December 3]

The defective drafting of indictments by crown court staff was giving cause for concern in view of the number of cases in which it occurred, and it was necessary for a restatement to be made as to the responsibility for the ultimate presentation of the indictment to the court.

Lord Justice Watkins so stated on giving the judgment of the Court of Appeal when allowing an appeal by, and quashing the convictions of Mark Anthony Newland on pleas of guilty at Chichester Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder Chapman) to one count of possessing cannabis resin and three counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment on the drugs count and consecutively to a total of nine months for the assaults.

Mr James Turner, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Charles Kemp for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the drugs offences, of which there were three counts in the indictment, and the assault offences were not remotely related in any sense.

The draftsman seemed not to have heard of the Indictments Rules (SI 1971 No 1253) and the Indictments Act 1915 — rule 9 and section 4 of which provided for joinder in the same indictment of offences founded on the same facts or forming or being part of a series of offences of the same or similar character.

If he had done so the appalling waste of time and money which had ensued from the misdrafting of the indictment would not have occurred.

Before arraignment counsel for the defendant warned prosecuting counsel that the indictment was invalid. He rightly conceded that but, on his submission, the assistant recorder used power to order independent trials of the offences, as he stated, under section 5(3) of the 1915 Act.

The assistant recorder was wrong in his interpretation of section 5(3) and acted without jurisdiction.

As to what followed it could in no sense be said that a valid trial had been held at any time. *R v Rose* ([1982] AC 822, 833) *per* Lord Diplock, was not drawn to the court's attention in *R v Bell* ((1984) 78 Cr App R 305) where the conviction was saved by applying the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 in reliance on *R v Ayres* ([1984] AC 447, 460-461) *per* Lord Bridge of Harwich.

Accordingly, their Lordships in the present case had no power to use the proviso because there was no material irregularity "in the course of the trial".

Nor would their Lordships order a *venire de novo*. Practical common sense led them to say, that, as the appellant had already been in prison since June 25, the conviction would be quashed.

Before parting with the case their Lordships thought that the time had come, maybe it was overdue, when it was necessary to say something about the responsibility for the drafting and presentation of indictments.

Drafting was undertaken, by and large, by staff of the crown court in this country. The fact was, so their Lordships were informed, that the defective manner in which indictments were drafted was giving cause for concern, having regard to the number of cases when it occurred.

It was necessary for a restatement to be made upon the question of responsibility for the ultimate presentation of the indictment to the court.

As had been said in their Lordships' court on a number of occasions, it was the responsibility of counsel to ensure that the indictment in proper form was presented before arraignment.

A return to that practice — it seemed not to be followed generally — might, in their Lordships' view, be salutary for everyone concerned — and, moreover, it would relieve the staff of the crown court of any responsibility which it might be felt they had in that respect and also to have the result of there being fewer appeals to their Lordships' court based on defective indictments.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Chichester.

Evidence need not accompany US extradition request

Regina v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Davidson Muir

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment December 7]

Article 8(2) of the United States Extradition Treaty 1972 (SI 1976 No 2144) only required the request for extradition to be made within a 60-day time limit and the fact that supporting evidence was not received within 60 days was irrelevant.

Article 7(3) of the Treaty only required the request to be accompanied with the relevant evidence at the time of the decision to commit and not at the time of the request.

Where an indictment was *prima facie* found in time within the meaning of title 18 of The US Code which provided for a limitation period of five years from the date of the offence, it was for the US District Court to determine whether the prosecution was time barred. It was inappropriate for English magistrates to usurp the American court's decision.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for a writ of *habeas corpus* by Downie Davidson Muir IV.

Article 7(3) of the 1972 Treaty provides: "If the request relates to an accused person, it must also be accompanied by a warrant of arrest issued . . . in the territory of the requesting party and by such evidence as, according to the law of the requested party, would justify his committal for trial . . .".

Article 8(2) provides: "A person arrested upon such an application shall be set at liberty upon the expiration of sixty days from the date of his arrest if a request for his extradition shall not have been received . . .".

Mr Edmund Lawson for the applicant; Mr Gibson Grenfell for the US Government.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said a Federal Grand Jury had returned a verdict on May 30, 1986 on charges against the applicant of various drug-related offences. The jury returned their verdict and it was sealed the same day by a federal magistrate.

On the same day a US district court issued a bench warrant for the applicant's arrest. He was arrested in England on July 13, 1987 on a provisional warrant pursuant to section 8(2) of the Extradition Act 1870.

Mr Lawson submitted that an affidavit of William Zimmerlie which provided *prima facie* evidence against the applicant was inadmissible as it was not received in England within 60 days of his arrest. Mr Lawson relied on *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Sotiaradis* ([1975] AC 1).

However, in that case the German Extradition Treaty (SI 1960 No 1375) provided the evidence be produced within two months. In the instant case, article 8(2) provided only that the request be received within 60 days, which it was.

Mr Lawson had sought to surmount that difficulty by arguing that article 7(3) provided the request should be accompanied with a warrant and supporting evidence.

His Lordship rejected Mr Lawson's argument that by reading article 7(3) and article 8(2) together the US authorities were obliged to submit their evidence in support of extradition within a 60-day time limit.

His Lordship found too subtle an argument Mr Lawson's proposition that until the evidence was received, the request was unaccompanied and therefore incomplete for the purposes of article 8(2).

The request only had to be accompanied at the time when the decision to commit was taken. If there were delay in furnishing the evidence, the applicant's remedy was to apply to the magistrates to fix a date.

Even if his Lordship were wrong on the first point, he would still hold there was sufficient evidence to justify committal on the basis of an affidavit of another conspirator who had pleaded guilty.

He referred in his affidavit to a meeting at which the applicant was present and agreed to smuggle cannabis during 1981. The applicant was arrested on June 6, 1981.

The relevance of that date was that it was less than five years later that a grand jury returned a verdict against the applicant.

Title 18 of The United States Code provided that no person should be prosecuted for an offence unless the indictment was found within five years of the offence being committed. The right of the applicant to rely on the time bar was expressly preserved by article 5 of the Treaty.

The point taken by Mr Lawson was that the indictment was not found when it was returned on May 30, 1986 as it was sealed on the same day by a federal magistrate and was not unsealed (made public) until April 23, 1987, *outside* the limitation the limitation period.

Prima facie, where an indictment was found it time in that it was returned in time it was for the US district court to determine whether the prosecution was time barred. It was inappropriate for English magistrates to usurp the US court's discretion.

Mr Justice Macpherson delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Compton Carr; DPP.

Citizen has no right to see police reports

Regina v Director of Public Prosecutions, Ex parte Hallas

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment December 8]

Although an individual had a right to mount a private prosecution, there was no right of access to police statements, reports and photographs held by the Crown Prosecution Service.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review by Janet Elizabeth Hallas against the decision of the CPS in refusing to disclose police statements, reports and photographs relating to the death of her son David Richard Hallas.

Mr John Morris, QC and Mr Nigel Lithman for the applicant; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Jeremy Gompertz for the DPP.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that at 11.20pm on September 1, 1986 the applicant's son had been tragically killed by a car, while riding his motor cycle.

The car was driven by Paul Clarke. After considering the case, the crown prosecutor dealing with the case charged Mr Clarke with driving with excess alcohol and careless driving.

Mrs Hallas contended that Mr Clarke ought to have been charged with causing death by reckless driving. She wrote to the CPS but they declined to change their mind.

Mrs Hallas wanted to see the documents in the case to give to her solicitor and counsel to obtain advice as to whether to launch a private prosecution which she was entitled to do by virtue of section 6(1) of the *Prosecution of Offences Act* 1985.

His Lordship did not find it necessary to go into the reasons put forward by the DPP as to why it was not in the public interest for the prosecution service to disclose such documents, since the application failed on a broader ground.

The Divisional Court could not make an order for production of documents against the CPS any more than it could make an order against any member of the general public unless the applicant could show some right.

The fact an applicant might want to see documents for a perfectly legitimate purpose did not give rise to a right to see them.

The right to take a private prosecution was not in issue, but no right to have the papers was conferred by section 6(1) of the 1985 Act or anywhere else and such a right could not be implied.

Mr Justice Macpherson delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mincoff Science & Gold, Newcastle upon Tyne; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Certified grant date

Regina v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Hazan

On a true construction of section 75(6) of the Housing Act 1974, "the certified date" in relation to a dwelling which was the subject of a home improvement grant under Part VII of the Act, as amended by section 107 of and schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980, was the date on which the relevant work was completed to the standard required by the local authority, and not the date on which the local authority approved such work.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nicholls and Mr Justice Caulfield) so held on December 9 dismissing an appeal by Westminster City Council from Mr Justice McCowan who, on an application for judicial review by Mr James Hazan, had ordered that the council should certify November 30, 1982 as the certified date for the purposes of section 75(6) of the Housing Act 1974, and had granted Mr Hazan a declaration that the council should pay him the balance of the moneys remaining due to him in respect of a home improvement grant approved by them and relating to premises at 9 Thorngate Road, Maida Vale, London.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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Amos 8 : 11

BIRTHS

BOOTH - On December 8th, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Christine (née Todorovitch) and John, a son, Thomas Hugh.

CHILD - On Monday December 7th, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, to Heather and Philip, twin sons, Philip Alexander and Thomas Clifton.

CUST - On December 9th, to Amanda (née Baker) and Gary, a son.

FREEDMAN - On December 5th, 1987, at Withington Hospital, Manchester, to Hadassa (née Woolfson) and Clive, a daughter, Harriet Chaya.

LANSDOWN - On Saturday December 5th, at home To Adam and Sarah (née Ruthven Stuart), a daughter, Poppy Louise.

PENGELLEY - On December 6th, to Sticks and Martin, a daughter Katriona Emily Claire.

REDDALL - On December 9th, to Claire (Née Crawley) and Christopher, a Son, Peter John, a brother to Hayley.

SCHWARZ - On December 8th, at Neath General Hospital, to Margot (née Buck) and Philip, a son, Edward Alexander, a brother for William.

SIMPSON - On December 8th 1987, to Mushy and Roger, twin sons, David Moody (after D.L.) and Jonathan Stephen.

TALBOT - On December 6th, in Geneva to Margret and David, a son Charles Edward Cameron.

TODOROVITCH - See Booth

TREFGARNE - On December 3rd, to Jacqueline (née Rees) and Gwion, a son Samuel Garro.

WILLIAMS - On November 30th, at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Johannah (née McDonnell) and Anthony, a son, David Timothy Edward, a brother for Mair.

DEATHS

ALBERY - On December 9th 1987, peacefully in a Bexhill nursing home, Hilda Mary (nee Rodwell), aged 86 years. Cremation Eastbourne on Thursday December 17th at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to the RNLI, c/o Mummery FD, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

ARMSTRONG - On December 6th 1987, very suddenly, Lucile Marthe Marcelle, aged 87. Memorial service at St Alban the Martyr with St Michael, North End Road, London NW11, on Tuesday 15th December at 3.30pm. Reception until 7.30pm in adjacent Church Hall. Flowers to F Richards & Sons, 149 Kentish Town Road, London NW1.

BENNETT - On December 5th 1987, Gareth Vaughan, Priest, Pastor and Scholar. Remembered with gratitude and commended to the mercy of God. Requiem and funeral Tuesday 15th December 1987 at 11 am, New College Chapel, Oxford, followed by private cremation. There will be no later memorial service. Donations, if desired, to Pusey House Appeal.

BOLAM - On December 3rd 1987, Constance Mary of Housesteads Dunsfold, aged 89. Wife of the late John Bolam. Funeral private. A memorial service will be held at Dunsfold Parish Church at 2pm on Friday January 15th. Any enquiries to Mr. Campbell at Barlows (Solicitors) Godalming 7121.

CHADWICK - On December 7th, Dr. Peter Robin of Potten End, Berkhampstead. Funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Potten End On Friday December 18th, at 12 noon prior to private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to RSPB please. Enquires to G Hall & Sons Ltd., (0442) 822395.

DEASY - On December 7th 1987, at Saint Bartholomew's Hospital London, Peter Michael Leo Deasy M.A. (Cantab) aged 43 yrs. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, South St, Exeter, on Tuesday 15th December at 10 am, followed by interment at the Higher Cemetery.

DUCAT-HAMERSLEY On December 10th, peacefully, Colonel HJC (Jack), 43rd and 52nd Light Infantry. Dearly loved husband of Tara and father of the late Hugh and of Jonathan and Anthea. Private family funeral. A Service of thanksgiving in Pyrton Parish Church to be announced later. No flowers, but donations please to Watlington Hospital, Watlington, Oxfordshire.

EATES - On December 7th, peacefully at home after 6 years of ill health, valiantly withstood, Maureen, cherished wife of Ted and sister of Pat. RIP. Requiem mass at St. Anthony's Church, Ottery St. Mary at 10.30am on Monday 14th December followed by cremation at Exeter. No flowers please, donations if desired to St. Joseph's Hospice, Mare St., Hackney, E8 4SA.

FLETCHER - On December 9th 1987, Lt. Col. Jack Ewen Fletcher, T.D., aged 85 years of Old Hunstanton, Norfolk, after a short illness, courageously born, devoted and dearly loved husband of Joan, much loved father of William and Elizabeth and his stepson Andrew and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Old Hunstanton at 2.00 pm Monday 14th December, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Marie Curie Foundation and the Home Hospice Support Group, C/o Fleming & Fayers, 16 Park Rd, Hunstanton.

GORDON - On December 9th 1987. Peacefully and courageously in Kirkcudbright Hospital, Hugh Walker aged 90 years, Beloved husband of Jean and father of Graeme and Huguette. Funeral service will be held in St. Cuthberts Church Kirkcudbright on Monday 14th December at 11.30am, to which all friends are invited. There after private cremation family flowers only please.

GREVILLE - On December 9th, suddenly and peacefully at Lionsmead House, the Right Honourable Ronald Charles Fulke Baron Greville. Funeral Service Friday 18th December, Shalbourne Church, 11.30 am. Flowers please to Lionsmead House.

HAMPSON On December 8th 1987, Peacefully in his sleep after a long illness borne with fortitude, Robin Hamer aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Anne and father of David and Susan. Private cremation. Memorial service at Bramley Parish Church, Surrey on Tuesday December 15th at 3.15pm. No flowers please but donations if wished to the Marie Curie Foundation care of J. Gorringe and Son Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane Farncombe Godalming, Surrey GU7 3EF Tel (04868) 6403.

HANBURY - On December 8th, peacefully at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Catherine (Dappy), aged 84 years, of Red House, Sudbury, previously of Clare and Cavendish. Daughter of the late Capel Hanbury. Funeral at Cavendish Church, on Tuesday December 15th at 2.00pm to be followed by interment at Lavenham. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Cavendish Church Repair Fund, c/o Martin & Sons, Clare please.

HENDERSON - On December 6th, 1987, suddenly at his home in Perthshire, Squadron Leader Robert Henderson. Funeral Private.

HOOPER - On December 9th 1987, peacefully, The Rev. Aubrey William, M.C., M.A., aged 98. Greatly loved father, grand father, great grand father and brother, admired by a wide circle of friends. Sometime Headmaster of St. Neots, Eversley. Funeral Lydlinch Church, Dorset on Thursday 17th December at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Toc H, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks. A Thanksgiving Service at Eversley Church on January 30th at 2.30 pm.

KITCHIN - On December 4th, Donald Kingsley of Kings Langley, Herts. Cremation service at 11.00am, Monday 14th December at Luton Crematorium. All enquiries to Mrs Margaret Shotton Tel (0509) 214732.

LINDSAY-HOGG - On December 7th 1987, suddenly in Malvern, Sir William Lindsay Lindsay-Hogg Bt., aged 57 years. The dearly loved husband of Marie, adored father of Sarah, much loved by his step-children. Funeral service at Edgefield Parish Church, Norfolk on tuesday December 15th at 12 noon. Flowers please to: Messrs. Lloyd Durham's Holt, Norfolk.

NORFOLK - On December 8th, Edward (Ted), suddenly in Broomfield Hospital Chelmsford aged 56 years. Husband of Mary, father of Tim, Janet and Andrew. Enquiries to A. Birkin & Sons, Coggleshall, 61316

OLNEY - On December 8th 1987, Joan Yvonne (née Spencer), peacefully at Torr House, St. Julien Wing, Wimbledon, formerly of Thornton le-Fylde, Lancashire and Tarrant Monkton, Dorset. Beloved wife of the late Alex Olney and much loved mother of Yvonne, Laetitia and grandmother of Timothy, Jonathan and Peter. Cremation Service on Wednesday 16th December at 1pm, Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Rd, SW15.

PETCH - On December 8th, suddenly at home, Charles Plowright, MD, F.R.C.P. aged 78. Much loved husband of Margaret, father of Michael and Hugh, grand-father of Tom, Simon and Amanda. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, North Wootton, Kings Lynn, on Thursday December 17th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but donations if so desired for All Saints Church or the British Heart Foundation, maybe sent C/O John Lincoln Funeral Directors, 40 Greevegate, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

SHIRREFF - On November 19th, James R.N., in New York. Will be greatly missed by his family and friends on both sides of the Atlantic.

SIMPSON - On December 8th 1987, peacefully, Dorothy Kathleen Mary 'Kay'. Loving mother of Caterina and Sheila. Funeral services will be held in Swindon, England, December 14th 1987.

STANEYEFF - On December 8th 1987, peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Peter, beloved husband of Ann and last and loving father of Nicholas and Michael. Private cremation on Friday December 18th to be followed at a later date by Thanksgiving Service. Any enquiries to H J Paintin Ltd, Linton, Cambridge.

STEPHAN - On December 9th, peacefully at his home Creek House, Snow Hill, West Wittering, Sussex after an illness most gallantly fought, Francis Christopher, in his 91st year. Family flowers only. Cremation service at the Chichester Crematorium, on Wednesday December 16th at 1 pm.

WHITMAN - On December 1st, Edna Jardine (Winifred) at her home, Bedford Honour, Bedford, New York in her 97th year.

WILLIS - On December 9th, aged 70 years, A. Wilkie Willis of Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne. Service at Whickham Parish Church on Tuesday the 15th of December at 10.30 am, followed by cremation at Mountsett. Flowers if desired may be sent to J. Bardgett & Sons, 571 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.

WINSTANLEY - On December 8th 1987, F.H. (Eric), peacefully in Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral. All enquiries to the T.A. Ball Funeral Service, 96 Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead. Tel. (051) 6524974.

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Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr P.J. Weston, Minister at the British Embassy in Paris, to be a deputy secretary in the Cabinet Office in succession to Mr C.L.G. Mallaby, who is to be Ambassador to West Germany.

Mr Alec Ibbott to be British High Commissioner to the Gambia, in succession to Mr J.D. Garner, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment.

Sir Alan Goodison, former Ambassador in Dublin, to be director of the Wates Foundation, on the retirement of Sir John Moreton.

Mr Graham Reid to succeed Mr R.J. Dawe as Deputy Secretary (Manpower Policy) in the Department of Employment from January 11.

Legal

Mr John Rowley to be joint registrar for Nottingham, Derby, Alfreton, Buxton, Chesterfield, Matlock and Ilkeston County Courts and in the district registry of the High Court at Nottingham, Derby and Chesterfield.

Mr S.J. Greenwood to be joint registrar for County Courts and in the district registry of the High Court for Bradford, Huddersfield and Pontefract.

Church news

The Rev David Gillett, Vicar of St Hugh's, Lewsey, Luton, is to succeed Dr George Carey as Principal of Trinity College, Bristol.

The Rev Stephen Waine, curate of St Peter's, Wolverhampton, to be a minor canon of St Paul's Cathedral from next March.

The Rev John Garton, Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, to be an honorary canon of Worcester Cathedral.

Polytechnic news

North East London

The title of honorary fellow has been conferred on Professor Roger Shashoua and Mr Arthur Edwards, former chairman of the polytechnic's governing body.

Sheffield

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Wesley, musician, Bristol, 1757; Hector Berlioz, Côte-saint-André, 1803; Robert Koch, bacteriologist, Klausthal, Germany, 1843.

DEATHS: Llewelyn Ab Gruffydd, Prince of Wales, killed in battle near Builth, 1282.

James II fled from England, 1688. Abdication of Edward VIII and accession of George VI, 1936. The US declared war on Germany and Italy, 1941.

Gray's Inn

Mr Karl Max Newman has been elected a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Inner Temple

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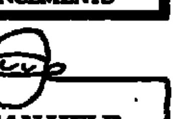

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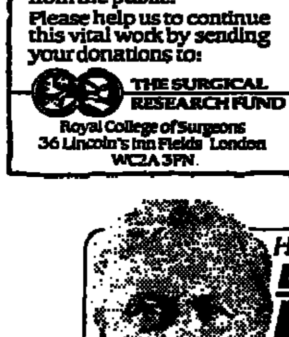

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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 2nd December 1987.

Dated this 2nd day of December 1987
S D Swaden, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In the Southend Court No. 85 of 1987
Alegendra Sriram - (In Bankruptcy)

Notice is hereby given that on 19th November 1987, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above, formerly trading as Photo Rapide at Keddies, High Street, Southend-on-Sea, pursuant to the Bankruptcy Order given in the Southend Court on 14th October 1987

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THE LONDON REFURBISHMENT CO LTD.
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
COMPANY NUMBER 1840700

We hereby give notice that on 27th November 1987, we, A.R. Houghton and J.P. Richards, of Touche Ross & Co., 33/34 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1EW, were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of all of the property of the above company by Qatar National Bank S.A.Q., under the powers contained in the debenture dated 24th November 1986 creating fixed and floating charges over the assets and undertakings of the company.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In the High Court No. 702 of 1987
Leonard Keith Newley (In Bankruptcy)
also known as L.K.N. Lewis

Notice is hereby given that on 18th October 1987, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above, formerly resident at 46 Empress Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex pursuant to the Bankruptcy Order given in the High Court on 16th June 1987.

IN THE MATTER OF SEDGEBROOK LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULE 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 3rd December 1987.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1987
K D Goodman, FCA
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IN THE MATTER OF KONGSBERG SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that we were appointed Liquidators of the above Company by the members and creditors on 20th November 1987.

Dated this 20th day of November 1987
Geoffrey Pollard
111 Burnt Oak Broadway,
Edgware,
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Peter R. Copp,
Stoy Hayward,
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IN THE MATTER OF KONGSBERG HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

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COMPANIES ACT 1985
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(IN LIQUIDATION)

Take notice that a meeting of creditors, pursuant to S594 of the Companies Act 1985, in the above matter will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on the 30th day of December 1987, at 10.30 am to receive an account of the Joint Liquidators' acts and dealings, and the conduct of the winding up during the preceding year.

Dated this 27th day of November 1987
CG Bird
Joint Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 006860 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF SMITH NEW COURT PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 25th November 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £3,900,000.

And Notice is Further Given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Peter Gibson the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2 on Monday the 21st day of December 1987.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

Dated this 11th day of December 1987
Ashurst Morris Crisp
Broadgate House
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Solicitors for the above-named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to creditors to send in particulars of debts or claims
Company Number: [illegible]
Name of company: KONGSBERG HOLDINGS LIMITED
(in voluntary liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 4 day of January 1988 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PETER R COPP of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1N 1DA the Joint Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 2nd December 1987
G Pollard
G.R. Copp
Joint Liquidators

Notice to creditors to send in particulars of debts or claims
Company Number: [illegible]
Name of company: RADIAL TURBINE LIMITED
(in voluntary liquidation)

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COMPANIES ACT 1985
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(IN LIQUIDATION)

Take notice that a meeting of creditors, pursuant to S594 of the Companies Act 1985, in the above matter will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on the 30th day of December 1987, at 11.30 am to receive an account of the Joint Liquidators' acts and dealings, and the conduct of the winding up during the preceding year.

Dated this 27th day of November 1987
CG Bird
Joint Liquidator

COMPANIES ACT 1985
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(IN LIQUIDATION)

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Joint Liquidator

COMPANIES ACT 1985
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(IN LIQUIDATION)

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Dated this 27th day of November 1987
CG Bird
Joint Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF RADIAL TURBINE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that we were appointed Liquidators of the above Company by the members and creditors on 20th November 1987.

Dated this 20th day of November 1987
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Peter R. Copp,
Stoy Hayward,
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(in voluntary liquidation)

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

The child who grew up to make toys

By Brian Collett

Michael Flood: a line sold in Neiman-Marcus

A teacher who had dreamed of becoming a toy-maker from boyhood is now working 16 hours a day to meet an international demand for children's furniture and playthings.

Michael Flood taught children for 25 years. His last job was at a special school in south-east London for difficult pupils – social dropouts, juveniles referred by the courts, and the like. The break came two years ago when his education authority offered him the option of redeployment to another school or being made redundant. He chose redundancy. Mr Flood had already spent an earlier sabbatical year working on his toy designs. Now at 45 he found he could actually start a business making and selling the products that had been an obsession since he was a child.

With his wife Mo, a former dress designer, he set up his workshop in a shed at their home in Goudhurst, Kent, and began making the Michael Mole range of children's furniture and toys — the name of the business is a combination of the couple's first names. Mr and Mrs Flood do all their own designing and manufacturing, except for the machining, which is put out to a friend's workshop.

The business got under way with 30 or 40 designs on the drawing board but at that time Mr Flood could get round to only 11 of them. At present he has 60 designs but is producing only 23. "This is mainly because the orders pour in as soon as we put a product on the market and then we can't get down to anything new", explains Mr Flood. "In the last year we have produced only two new items." After Mr Flood and his enterprise were featured in a newspaper and on television he had to spend £200 on postage replying to inquiries.

The popular lines are a chair and a table with ducks as the legs and a book case with a bear at each end. There are dressing table mirrors, bedside cupboards, snake coat hangers, toy boxes and jigsaws. The Michael Mole rocking horse won the Gold Award for the best new toy of 1987 at the Children and Nursery Fair at Earls Court, London.

Export has played a big part in the business — there are customers in 46 American cities. The Dallas-based Neiman-Marcus Group, the Saks Fifth Avenue store in New York, and Schwartz, also in New York and regarded as the Hamleys of the United States, are all Michael Mole stockists. Sadly, there have been no new American orders since the dollar began to slide, but this year the number of British outlets being supplied has suddenly grown.

Although the business is only two years old Mr Flood expects it to break even after this Christmas. Mr and Mrs Flood and their 18-year-old daughter are the only personnel in the enterprise, often working 16-hour days, so expansion is very much in mind. However, Mr Flood says: "I get all sorts of advice, and 25 years as a schoolmaster is the worst possible preparation for business. So I'm still undecided about expanding.

"I sometimes imagine it would be useful to sit down and think things out, but then another order comes in and we have to get to work because we realize we still have to pay the mortgage."

BRIEFING

An entrepreneur's practical guide

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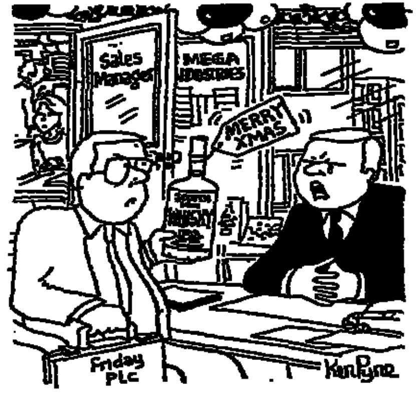

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A valuable pitch in the business park

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The emergence of the business-park concept of commercial development received further recognition this week with the announcement that Trafalgar House's industrial developments arm is to be relaunched as Trafalgar House Business Parks Ltd. The move reflects a change of emphasis within the group away from the old style industrial estates, in favour of mixed business parks, catering for business in its widest sense.

Brian McCombie, managing director of the new company, explains that many of the occupiers in their developments simply do not fit the traditional category of industry. "We build as much for office users, retailers and high tech companies as we do for warehousing and light industry."

They have four sites under development, together providing over 2.25 million square feet of floorspace. Largest is the redevelopment of the former race track at Brooklands in Surrey, which is being carried out in a joint venture with Brookmount and British Aerospace

They will soon be unveiling their plan for the comprehensive development of the entire site, which will be the subject of a new planning application and offer Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey County Council an alternative to the appealed applications for the original 270 acre site, which should be determined by next summer.

Mr McCombie says the land values, when fully serviced, are expected to be around £130 million, and their new plan includes residential as well as office, high tech, retail and leisure development.

The other three are at Basildon, Essex, where the Southfields Business Park is the only scheme offering self-contained office buildings out of town, at Ancells Park in Fleet, Hampshire, which has an estimated completed value of £33 million, and the latest acquisition, a 31 acre site at Wootton Bassett, Swindon, bought from IBM for over £3 million, which will yield a development of around 500,000 square feet.

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No. 006796 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF STOTHERT & PITT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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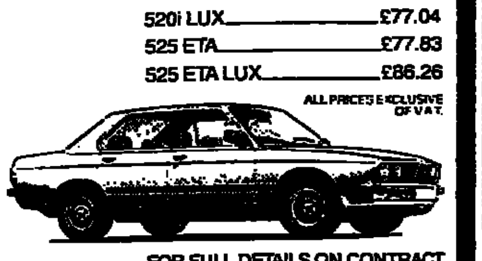

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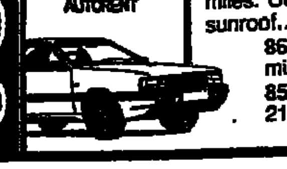

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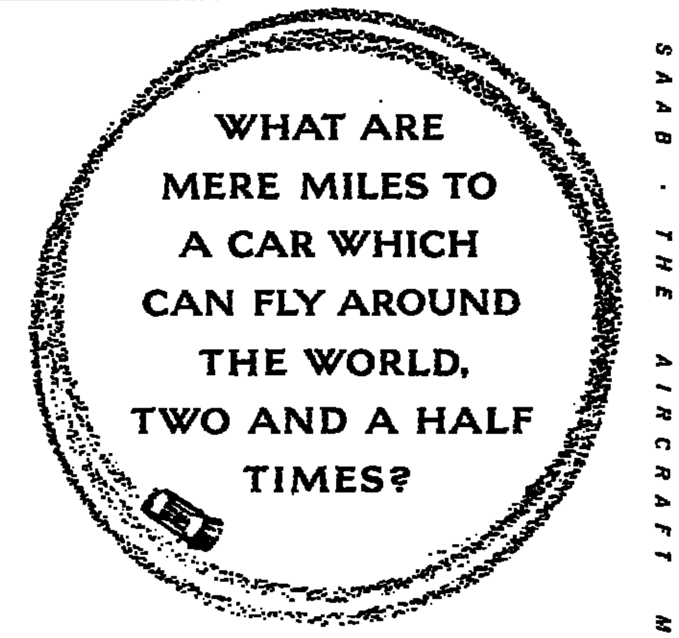

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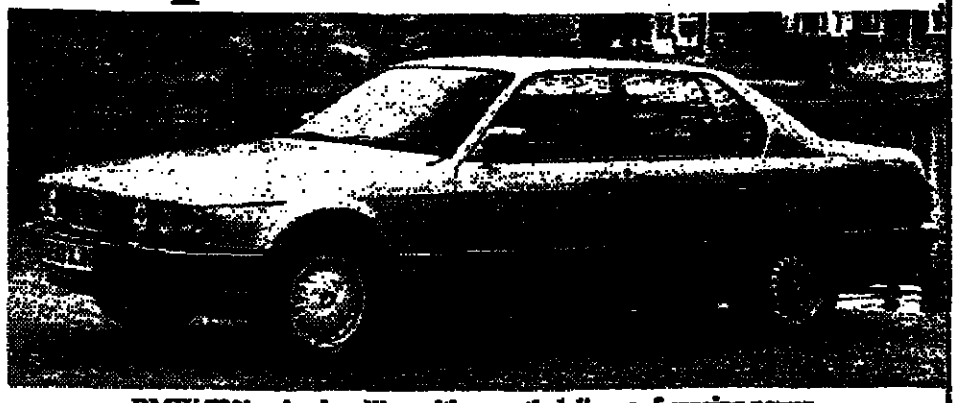

BMW 730i: crisp handling with smooth delivery of surging power

With such a huge spread in prices — from £21,900 to £53,750 — BMW's new 7-Series saloon is competing in two very different sectors of the market. At the bottom end it is fighting for sales as an executive car. On the other hand middle and top priced versions are pure luxury models.

The latter are attempting to win a place at the table already dominated by Mercedes and Jaguar's V12 Daimler. Rolls Royce is sufficiently special to have a class all of its own, although the Bentley Eight, at a shade under £60,000, is a fringe competitor.

This test is concerned with the executive or "cheap" end, *if you can call a £21,900 BMW* "cheap". That is the cost of the three-litre 730i. Following standard industry practice it was introduced to the British market later than the more powerful and more expensive 735i but before the flagship, the extravagant five-litre V12 750i.

As a value for money buy the 730i faces very tough competition indeed. Most drivers of this type stipulate automatic transmission, so I will assume that it is a must in any comparison. That adds another £1,060 to the standard 730i price making it £22,980. That is *£3,157* more than Ford's Granada Scorpio Executive, £3,160 more than Vauxhall's new Senator CD and £3,840 more than Jaguar's XJ6 2.9.

The Scorpio Executive and Senator CD are very comprehensively equipped but then, unusually for a base line BMW, so is the 730i. Its standard equipment includes ABS *anti-lock brakes, power* steering, central locking, electrically controlled windows, tinted glass, fog lamps, heated exterior mirrors, door locks and washer nozzles and headlamp wash all heated.

In performance terms the BMW is more than a match for all its rivals. The latest version of the famous fuel injected "straight six", the outstanding mass produced engine of the past 25 years, lives up to its reputation for smooth, unstressed delivery of surging power. It pushes the new, windcheating body to a top speed of around 140 mph and will reach 60 mph from a standing start in 8.6 seconds.

The handling is as crisp as that of many so-called sports cars thanks in part to carefully loaded power steering.

Due to a misunderstanding the test car supplied was the Special Equipment version costing £25,392 and equipped with automatic transmission, sliding roof, on board computer, rear head restraints, rear reading lights and alloy wheels shod with 225/60 VR 15 tyres instead of standard 205/65s.

Back in May I criticized the ride and road noise of a 735i Special Equipment. BMW said it was probably due to the very low aspect ratio Michelin TRX 240/40 steel radials fitted and I should try a 7-Series on more forgiving tyres. The 225/60s on the car sent showed little or no improvement. There was still too much pitter patter from the suspension and the tyre noise was too intrusive for a car of *this* class.

Vital statistics

Model: BMW 730iSE
Price: £25,392
Engine: 2985cc 6 cylinder injected
Performance: 0-60 mph 8.6 *seconds, maximum speed* 141 mph
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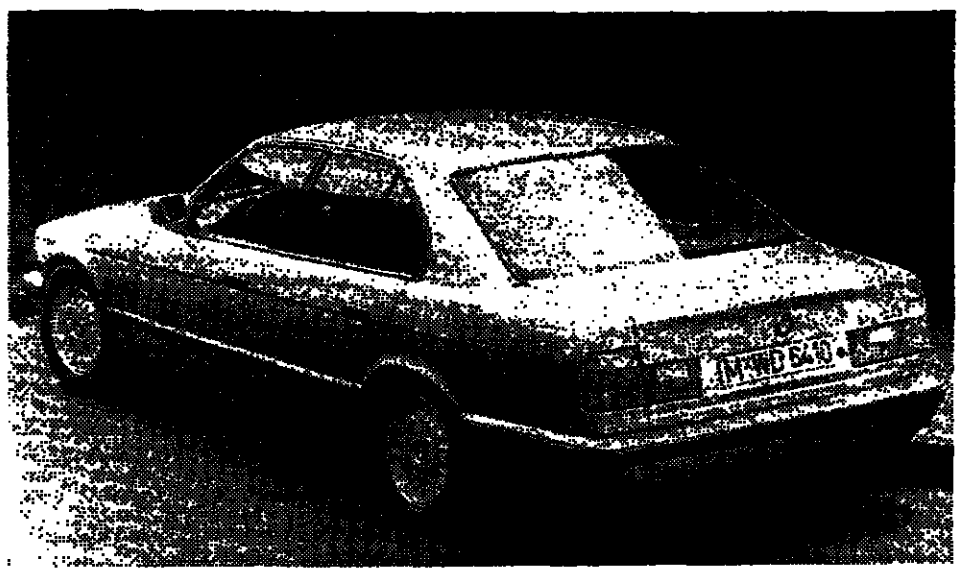
The new 5 series is unveiled



Above is the first official photograph of the new BMW 5-Series which I shall be testing in Portugal next month. It does not go on sale here until June. The family likeness to the new 7-Series is immediately obvious. Like the 7 the new 5 is moving up-market. Prices have not been fixed yet *but* are *expected to start* at £16,000 compared with the present £11,500.

The new car is longer and wider than the old *one and* will be entirely powered by six-cylinder engines. The four cylinder bottom-of-the-range 518i is being dropped. The base model will be the 129 bhp 520i, followed by a 171 bhp 525i, and a 197 bhp 530i and a 220 bhp 535i. Special equipment versions of the *530i and 535i* will be built for Britain.

Unusually the whole range will be available for sale on the launch date.

Electric roof for Escort

Ford is now offering an electric powered roof as an extra on the Escort XR3i Cabriolet. Priced at £500 it will fold away in 15 seconds.

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Sportsmen from the inner cities state their case against the Department of Environment's privatization proposals

Old order makes way for new leisure

SPORT IN THE CITIES

Sport at the grass-roots level offers an exciting variety of activities and approaches. But **PETER BALL** winds up his series by asking where the money will come from if sport in Britain's inner cities is privatized

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, is expected to annouce shortly the setting up of a working party on sport in the inner cities. It will have plenty to get its teeth into, if it has any, for the provision of sport at grass-roots is in a ferment at the moment.

Pilot schemes, many of them jointly funded by the Sports Council and local authorities, run the whole gamut from attempts to fill the gap caused by the decline of sport in schools to social service functions aimed at the unemployed or young first offenders.

"Old ideas, old barriers are being broken down," John Wheatley, the vice chairman of the Sports Council, said. "For example in Leeds they are converting waste tips into ski slopes, and the activity is proving very popular.

"In Nottingham there is an indoor cricket centre with four pitches, and people pay £2.50 a head for an indoor game lasting 80 minutes and the place is full from Sunday to Friday and booked for months ahead. Cricket is not associated with intense activity but this game is thriving in Nottingham."

Our own small sample – Bradford, Hove, Salford and the Community Football Programme in the north west – revealed not only an exciting variety of activities, but also of approaches. Local authorities were seen working in partnership with government, the national and regional sports councils, sponsors, the police and even, praise be, with professional sport.

MSC plays vital role but has an uncertain future

The Manpower Services Commission, whatever its rights and wrongs politically, is also playing a vital role in many of the programmes, especially the action sport scheme, not only in helping to reach the target groups, but in training community sports leaders.

But the MSC scheme itself has an uncertain future, and along with the genuine sense of excitement there is also a sense of uncertainty among local authorities which competitive tendering has done nothing to resolve.

This uncertainty is not only seen at the grass-roots, the minister's open letter to the Sports Council leaving that august body in a state of some confusion. Having just acquired a major sponsorship for Olympic preparations for the first time, the council suddenly found the government concentrating on the inner cities.

The doubts at local authority level are more profound. "To use a sporting metaphor, we don't know what rules we are playing under at the moment," David Appleton, Salford's sports development officer, said. "They have not only moved the goal posts but the pitch has been tilted and we aren't even sure we are still playing football. With competitive tendering in the air there are fears about how our department will operate at all, let alone in a philanthropic manner."

At another northern local authority the sports development staff were advised to enjoy their Christmas this year as there was not guarantee that they would still be around to do so next year. Such fears are almost certainly excessively gloomy, but they do exist.

Somewhat surprisingly, indeed, the minister expressed his hope to us that local authorities would spend more on sport, although with the inevitable *caveat* that the money had to come from a reallocation of resources rather than additional funds from central government. Money used for paying for "propoganda on the rates" could, Moynihan suggested, be more usefully diverted to sport.

An easy and understandable piece of political point-scoring viewed from Moynihan's Lewisham constituency, it is rather less apt applied to northern cities where the Government's bogeymen are not in charge. There the uncertainty means that a short fall in funds is a constant problem in their efforts to service the inner cities.

The money is clearly not going to come from the government. The minister successfully extracted an extra £1 million this year for sport, a drop in the ocean compared to the £57 million increase for the Arts, and Wheatley believes the sports council need £3 to £4 million "to do a good thorough job nationwide".

Moynihan believes it is both possible and desirable that business can take up the slack. Sponsorship at grass-roots is a growing business, with the realization spreading that local sport from children's football courses to a thriving badminton club can provide a target market for local and national firms.

"Sports development schemes that work are a good vehicle for the sponsor," claims Bradford's Graham Morgan, whose schemes clearly do work. Mark Jeffery, who runs seminars on the subject, is equally convinced that, done properly, that grass-roots sports sponsorship is an attractive alternative for many companies to joining the cluster of sponsors in major events.

Sponsorship increasingly used as marketing tool

People in the field insist that the room for expansion is enormous. "I don't think we have even scratched the surface," Derek Etherington, of the Sports Council's sponsorship advisory service, SAS, said. And from the private sector, Jeffery agrees.

But will such money reach the areas of greatest need? "Sponsorship is governed by market forces," Wheatley reflected. "To him that has shall be given." It is easy to see the attraction is sponsoring clubs or programmes providing access to the traditional middle class markets. The unemployed, disadvantaged children and ethnic minorities in the inner cities are less obvious markets, even if they can be reached.

"I have spoken to a lot of companies who are very keen to do something for sport in the inner cities," Moynihan said, adding that he hoped to see "local business, local schools and local Press forming a partnership".

Graham Morgan, who has found difficulty raising money for some of his programmes in spite of his energy and enterprise in pulling firms like Adidas on board in Bradford, however, remarked "people say they want to do something in the inner cities, but very often it is just a token gesture because they feel they ought".

Time will show whether Moynihan's optimism is justified or not. It is not too much to say that the answer is vital for the future of British sport.

Muscle power: Body-builders giving the community a lift out of the deprived past into the centre of a brave new world (Photograph: Alan Weller)

Serving the inner and outer man

By Ian Stafford

Tomorrow marks the end of the consultation period giving sport the opportunity to air its views over the Department of Environment's privatization proposals for sports and leisure facilities.

Considerable opposition has arisen over these plans, not least from sporting governing bodies anxious that sport will suffer as less people will be attracted to, or, indeed, be wealthy enough to participate in recreation. Those concerned with sports facilities in the inner cities of Britain, however, believe they have a far greater cause for worry.

Six years after the riots, all is quiet these days in Brixton, south London. Standing proudly in the very centre of Brixton is a sports and leisure centre run by Lambeth Council which, many believe, has been largely instrumental in the area's social recovery.

It is believed that privatization would not only not work here, but that it could also undo much of the work since the violence of 1981. The Scarman Report, following an inquiry into the Brixton riots, states the importance of such a facility in an inner city community.

"It is clear that the exuberance of youth requires in Brixton (and other similar inner city areas), imaginative and socially acceptable opportunities for release if is not to become frustrated or to be diverted to criminal ends.

"It is equally clear that such opportunities do not at present exist for people in Brixton to the extent that they ought, particularly given the enforced idleness of many youths through unemployment. The amusement arcades, the unlawful drinking clubs and, I believe, the criminal classes, gain as a result," it reads.

The sports centre, the development of which was begun in 1973 and which was opened to the public in 1985 by Fatima Whitbread, the world javelin champion, is seen as an oasis in the desert – with an impressive swimming pool, large sports hall, and all the facilities a top sports centre is expected to provide.

Four outreach workers are employed to go out into the community to promote the centre to the underprivileged classes, such as the unemployed, disabled and even those on probation.

But the centre loses an estimated £4 million a year. Its purpose, so it states, is not to make a profit, but to provide a public service. Each day for four hours any member of the public can use the facilities for a mere 10p. Such charges, it is feared, would send shivers down the spine of a prospective buyer from the private sector. The results of privatization could, it is argued, be catastrophic for the inner cities.

"If this centre was privatized I would fear for its future," Jennyfer McLean, one of the outreach workers, said. "The whole concept of this centre would be smashed if prices were increased and, as a result, people from outside the community took over."

It is interesting to note that vandalism has barely smeared the centre since its construction. During the flare-up in 1985 while surrounding buildings were either burnt or vandalized, the centre remained untouched.

"There is no prejudice in sport," Hermann Nurse, another outreach worker and a British bantamweight weightlifting champion, said. "Sport is really teaching people to be disciplined here. Team-work and will-power is injected into them by using this centre.

"Black people never used to play squash, for example, before our courts gave them an opportunity to learn. Now we have hundreds forming leagues and getting involved in sport. It is a cliché, but the centre really is getting people off the streets."

She added: "If the private sector encourages a different and wealthier market there would be much local resentment. The centre is regarded by the community as theirs, and there is no way it could afford a price increase, let alone membership fees.

"Fights, muggings, maybe even murders could reappear and all our hard work would have been done for nothing. It is ignorant, but violence is the only weapon these people have to show their grievances. Privatization would hit the grass-roots hardest."

All these fears are not confined to Brixton. The management of the centre believe that their voice is echoed by all involved in inner city sport. "Grass-roots sport will undoubtedly suffer if privatization goes ahead," Sandy Gray, manager of the New River Sports Centre in Haringey, said.

Just one mile away from Tottenham's Broadwater Farm Estate, the scene of local violence in 1985, the centre is a great attraction to many of the country's top athletes, including the Olympic champion decathlete, Daley Thompson.

"The private sector would look to more cost-effective sports and will be keen to shed those sports that fail to bring much income. Sports such as athletics, street hockey, Sunday league football would all suffer as a result, but it is sports such as these that are so imperative for the community.

"It is morally wrong that ratepayers' money should be spent on superb facilities just for someone else to take over. Why shouldn't concessions be made when it concerns such an important service?"

South of the river, the management believe that it is impossible, unless major changes are made, to create a healthy business out of running Brixton's centre. "This is a huge place on six levels," Bob Downham, the duty manager, said. "We need so many staff here to control such a large area that it is not designed to make money." He is also not convinced that the private sector could even settle in the environment an inner city offers.

"We match our environment," he said. "There are many flash, brash private managers who would not fit in this area. Privatization could work in certain areas of the country, but not in the inner cities. This centre was built to alleviate the area's problems and money is pumped into it for social engineering.

"I am afraid, if the Government's proposals go ahead, centres such as this would be controlled by money-managers, not sports managers. If that is the case, then the Government could end up with a bloody nose."

Entrée to a vehicle of social engineering: Brixton Recreation Centre

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

New manager at Dagenham

By Paul Newman

Dagenham, who have been on the fringe of the GM Vauxhall Conference relegation zone all season, have announced a change of manager. Joe Dunwell, the London club's longest-serving player, has replaced Tony Jennings, who resigned on Sunday.

Jennings left one day after one of Dagenham's best performances of the season, a goalless draw at home to Barnet, the Conference leaders. He felt unable to accept the club's instruction to make "substantial" cuts in the team budget.

Dagenham's lottery profits have fallen sharply in recent months and most home league gates this season have been less than 500. Norman Sparrow, the chairman, said: "Cutting back on the team expenses could obviously affect our playing strength, but we had to face reality. We've made a financial loss two years in a row and the team budget was an obvious area where we could make substantial and immediate cuts.

"Apart from Barnet, it seems that every London club in our league is struggling for support. The trouble is that we're only half an hour's Tube ride away from the big League clubs. I know Conference gates are generally up, but the clubs that are doing well are those in the provinces in identifiable communities, not the London clubs."

Dunwell, who has been at Dagenham for some 12 years, played in the first team earlier this season but had recently concentrated on his job as reserve team manager. His first task will be to try to persuade the players, only five of whom are on contracts, not to leave because of the cutbacks. "We recognize that Tony Jennings had a terrific rapport with the players and that some of them may feel their loyalty is to him," Sparrow said.

Jennings, who enjoyed a highly successful playing career with Hendon and Enfield, joined Dagenham as a coach in February 1985. He was appointed manager when Ken Knighton resigned eight months later.

● John Williams, who was dismissed as manager of Altrincham earlier this season to make way for Tommy Docherty, has been appointed manager of Rhyl, the Northern Premier League club. Williams will be joined by his former assistant at Runcorn and Altrincham, Terry Murphy. They replace Robert Hunt and Neil McAdam, who left Rhyl after their defeat against Brymbo Steelworks in the third round of the Welsh Cup.

● Oswestry Town have appointed Bryn Jones as player-manager for the second time. He recently returned to the Northern Premier League club after a spell at Marine. Jones, who will be assisted by another player, Phil Williams, succeeds John Rogers, who was dismissed.

● Chelmsford City, of the Beazer Homes League, hope to appoint within the next fortnight a successor to Joe Sullivan, who resigned as manager after a disagreement over the team budget.

● Wycombe Wanderers have bought Mark Boyland, a forward, from Cheltenham Town for £10,000. Boyland, aged 29, scored 81 goals in 181 games for Cheltenham.

Crewe prepared

Crewe Alexandra's home fourth division game against Cardiff City tomorrow will not be all-ticket. The FA's all-ticket ruling for away games, resulting from trouble involving the Welsh club's supporters, does not come into force until January 16. Crewe – average home crowd 2,200 – expect around 500 Cardiff supporters to make the trip. Extra police will be drafted in.

Target for today

John Bumstead, the Chelsea midfield player, was watched by Harry Redknapp, the Bournemouth manager, in a reserve game at Portsmouth yesterday. Redknapp was initially deterred by Chelsea's asking price of around £100,000 for Bumstead.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League

Second division

Swindon v Barnsley (7.45)

Third division

Southend v Doncaster (7.45)

Fourth division

Cambridge v Stockport (7.45)
Colchester v Bolton

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Postponed: Springfield v Whitehaven (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Midland Bank World pairs indoor championship (at Bournemouth). Indoor county match: Cambridgeshire v Leicestershire (at St Neots).

BOXING: Tournament: Leicester.

SNOOKER: Foster's World doubles championship (at Northampton).

TENNIS: Nabisco World doubles championship (at Albert Hall); Junior girls tournament (at Bisham Abbey).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1987: World series: St Louis Cardinals v Minnesota Twins, seventh game. ITV: 5 a.m. (tomorrow).

BOWLS: Midland Bank World indoor pairs championship from Bournemouth. BBC2: 4.30 and 11.20 p.m. (see also Sport on Friday).

SNOOKER: Foster's World doubles championship from the Derngate centre, Northampton. C4: 2.15 p.m. ITV: 5.15 and 11.0 p.m.

SPORT ON FRIDAY: Racing: 2.20, 2.55 and 3.30 races from Cheltenham. Bowls: Midland Bank World indoor pairs championship from Bournemouth. Football: Highlights of the Guinness soccer six championships from G-Mex centre, Manchester. BBC2: 2 p.m.

FENCING

Ablett the first of new breed

By a Correspondent

If Graham Ablett, aged 14, from Ashby-de-le-Zouche, maintains the leading position in his age group, he will be one of the first winners of a new "Grand Prix" series of four fencing competitions this year, the Leon Paul under-12 and under-14 girls and boys foil, the last of which takes place in Leicester this weekend.

Close behind him in the rankings is his club colleague, Kendrick Greene. The two boys are typical of a new kind fencer keen for national competition at an earlier age and for whom the series has been designed, in the hope that experience helps carve niches for future champions. So far each competition has attracted 120-180 entrants.

The keenest and the best in Britain have emerged from the regions, despite the fact that the first three of the series were held in London: Sarah Richardson, from Ipswich, is top of the under-14 girls, Emma Kurzner, from Norwich top of the under-12s and Harry Lancaster, from Sussex, leads the under-12 boys.

"Children's fencing has seen an enormous growth in the last 10 years, separately from national fencing," Alan Skipp, of the Schools Fencing Union, said. "It has built up as a reaction to the withdrawal of local education authority support in the '70s, when clubs were forced to support themselves, develop in sports centres and take in all age groups."

Skipp is now coaching coordinator for a new development scheme which, like the competition series, is sponsored by the fencing equipment manufacturer, Leon Paul.

The 1988 series has already incorporated an additional competition and the age groups will follow the Continental format of under-15, under-13 and under-11 sections.

Statistics and anecdotes combined for posterity

Sports writers of* The Times *present their selections from the sports books of 1987. Today: JENNY MacARTHUR on the best from the world of equestrianism.

SPORTS BOOKS OF THE YEAR

An Olympic show jumping gold medal winner who ended his life a convicted murderer and a Chilean horse who was given full military honours at his burial and an obituary in the *New York Times* are two of the stories Judith Draper unearthed in *Show Jumping, Records, Facts and Champions*, the sport's first complete reference book in its 120-year history.

The main purpose is to provide results of every major international competition since the sport began – including the Olympics since 1900 and all the Nations Cup results since the introduction of that competition at Olympia in 1909.

It has proved an arduous task. The sport's official body, the FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale), was founded in 1921, but has no results before the 1930s. Undaunted, Miss Draper wrote to the individual national federations for information (20 out of the 85 FEI affiliated nations replied) as well as referring to contemporary newspaper and magazine reports.

Her meticulous research – done a disservice by the index which includes only the names of medal winners despite references in the text to many other of the sport's heroes – includes some surprising statistics: the high jump record is still that set by Captain Alberto Larraguibel Morales, of Chile, who jumped 8ft 1¼in on Huaso at Santiago on February 5, 1949.

The numerous results and statistics are punctuated with eye-catching photographs and lively character sketches – both human and equine. The Mexican rider, Humberto Mariles Cortes, is the Olympian who ended his life in prison. The horse given a military burial was the adored Chilena, the Chilean army horse who was killed during a practice at the 1940 National Horse Show in New York.

And there has been no shortage of British equine personalities. Among the stories recorded here is that of Broncho, the British cavalry remount horse whose successful career – he won the King George V Cup and was in the winning Nation's Cup team until 1929 – did not start until his twenties. His late arrival on the international scene was due to his habit of refusing at any obstacle he had not met before. By his twenties, when he began his run of success, he was familiar with virtually every type of fence ever encountered in the show ring.

Virginia Leng, the reigning world three-day event champion, would no doubt have found the key to Broncho sooner had he been in her yard.

In *Ginny And Her Horses*, written jointly by Mrs Leng and Genevieve Murphy, she describes her horses' wide ranging characters from her world champion, Priceless – "the most intelligent horse that has ever looked through a bridle" – to her young Irish acquisition, Ballyhack, who, to start with, "went berserk", producing a spectacular rodeo act each time Mrs Leng got on. Part of Mrs Leng's success in the sport is her ability to see beyond such "minor problems" to the true character of the horse.

Never at a loss for a human analogy, she brands her Burghley winner, Murphy Himself, as the "John McEnroe type: butch, tough and very talented . . . with a pronounced argumentative streak."

Mrs Leng might have been, grateful to have *The Less-Than-Perfect Horse* on her shelf at the time Ballyhack was larking about.

Written by Jane Thelwall, a top international event rider who, like Mrs Leng and Lucinda Green, switches effortlessly from riding to writing, this valuable reference book is the result of her experiences with problem horses since she and her husband, John, started up their own yard in 1974. Mrs Thelwall is not claiming that every horse can become a top class performer. Her purpose, demonstrated with clear diagrams, is to outline the wide range of problems that can occur in training (from "chewing the bit" to a "4-time canter") and giving her tried and tested solutions.

● *Show Jumping, Records, Facts and Champions*, Judith Draper (Guinness Books, £14.95).
● *Ginny And Her Horses*, Virginia Leng and Genevieve Murphy (Stanley Paul, £9.95).
● *The Less-Than-Perfect Horse*, Jane Thewall (Methuen, £12.95).

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Champion runs

Dave Clarke, the English cross-country champion, and Steve Cram, will run in their respective county cross-country championships – Surrey and the North-East counties – at Coulsdon and Sunderland, tomorrow.

BOWLS

Long in lead for Norfolk

By Gordon Allan

Norfolk, the Prudential Liberty Trophy holders, began this season's county championship with a much-changed team, who beat Cambridgeshire fairly comfortably. For their second-round match against Lincolnshire tomorrow they leave well alone except to bring in Marty Long in place of Paul Dow at lead on David Ward's rink.

Five of the skips who played in the final against Middlesex at Hartlepool last April are retained. The sixth is Gary Blake, who has been promoted from third man to take Trevor Webb's position.

Three rinks, including Blake's, are playing away at Grantham; the home rinks are at Wymondham Dell. Norfolk believe it will be a close match, although they beat Lincolnshire by 36 shots in the quarter-finals last winter.

Kent and Surrey review their perennial rivalry at Cyphers and Croydon. With two of their skips, Garry Smith and Andy Thomson, in the semi-finals of the world pairs at Bournemouth, Kent may have to make last-minute rearrangements.

NORFOLK: Rink 1: S Woodcock, M Brown, B Cullum, J George. Rink 2: M Overton, W Graver, A Dunton, G Duns. Rink 3: J Ottaway, R Reeve, D Richmond, T Kelly. Rink 4: P Harlow, R Wordley, B Howes, B Taylor. Rink 5: T Barr, M King, A Waldron, G Blake. Rink 6: M Long, M Christmas, P Sabberton, D Ward.

Murdock called in

Alasdair Murdock, aged 16, a breaststroke specialist from the Nova Centurions club, has been called into the England intermediate swimming squad for 1988

End of the road

Stelios Kyriakides, the veteran Greek long-distance runner and winner of the Boston marathon in 1946, died yesterday at the age of 76.

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RACING: BAILEY'S NEWBURY WINNER NAPPED TO SET BALL ROLLING AGAIN

Biloxi Blues can spark Croucher treble

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Paul Croucher, that industrious jockey who rode a winner at two meetings on the same day 13 days ago, again looks the man to follow at Cheltenham today where **Biloxi Blues (12.35)**, **Twin Oaks (2.20)** and **Mr Frisk (2.55)** can reward him with a treble.

Biloxi Blues, who was the first leg of that wholly deserved double, is now napped to set the ball rolling again by winning the first division of the Bristol Novices' Hurdle.

That win at Newbury on Hennessy Gold Cup day was on the cards in view of the way that he had performed at Kempton first time out when runner-up to the subsequent Ascot winner Away We Go.

With the fourth horse, Slalom, also winning since at Wolverhampton and Sandown, that Kempton form has a really reliable ring to it.

Farm Week, who finished third, has 15 lengths to make up on Biloxi Blues and only a 7lb concession to help him. To me that task looks improbable.

Tebitto and Rebel Song will not be without their admirers, particularly the latter following an eye-catching run behind Hills Pageant at Newbury. But I still regard Biloxi Blues as the day's banker, especially now that he will be racing over 2½ miles again.

On the prevailing good going, his stable companion Mr Frisk will be a tough nut to crack in the Food Brokers Ferrero Rocher Chase even with Golden Friend, Gainsay and Midnight Madness in opposition.

His fall on the course last month was completely out of character and attributable to the decision to hold him up. Since then Kim Bailey's eight-year-old has shown that he is as good as ever by giving Risk A Bet a five-length beating at Warwick where he adopted his natural style of racing in making the running.

While Gainsay is much better than his effort in the Hennessy depicted, I still prefer a horse in form and Mr Frisk fits that bill to perfection.

Twin Oaks, who is my idea of the likely winner of the BMW Series Final and the second leg of the Croucher treble, impressed when beating Bob Tisdall by 10 lengths in the Kempton qualifier.

As Bob Tisdall had won his two previous races, that was merely confirmation of the great promise that Twin Oaks had shown last season, particularly when he split Foyle Fisherman and Rattlin' Jack at Lingfield.

On that Kempton form Lucky Rascal has no chance of reversing the placings with Twin Oaks although, to be fair, his subsequent Warwick win from Salehurst showed that he is capable of better.

Latin American's attempt to win the Kineton Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase for the second successive year may be foiled by **Tarn**, who won on the course in the autumn.

The form of Tarn's most recent race at Folkestone stands up to the closest inspection as he was trying to concede give a lot of weight to Aquilifer, who has won and been placed second since. Furthermore, Vodkatini, who finished third, has won since.

When **Lord Torenaga**, my selection for the second division of the Bristol Novices' Hurdle, finished second to Anything Better at Ascot first time out his conqueror was in form.

The fact that he has gone off the boil since should not detract now from Lord Torenaga's chance of beating the locally-trained Cone Alone.

Motivator, the winner of the Coral Golden Hurdle Final two seasons ago, is burdened with top weight of 12 stone in today's qualifier, including an 8lb penalty for winning at Chepstow last Saturday.

That will hardly improve his task of giving weight to Prairie Oyster, who was probably attempting the impossible at Ascot last time when he was beaten by that up-and-coming young stayer Take No Trash at a difference of 21lb.

Merry Junior has strong claims in the EBF Sea Pigeon Handicap Hurdle at Doncaster as Cliffalda, who beat him at Wolverhampton last time, has since won a good race at Wetherby.

Glen Lochan's chance of winning the Merryman II Novices' Chase is not apparent from his form figures. However, he will be hard to beat if he puts in a clear round. At Haydock last time he was with the easy Newbury winner Dad's Gamble when they both came down at the last fence.

Those preferring a safer bet will probably go for Border Rambler, who hacked up by 25 lengths at Catterick on Monday. However, I intend to give Glen Lochan one last chance, knowing that his trainer Neville Crump is keen to win the race run in memory of his 1960 Grand National winner.

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

12.35 **BILOXI BLUES** (nap).
1.10 Tarn.
1.45 Lord Torenaga.
2.20 Twin Oaks.
2.55 Mr Frisk.
3.30 Prairie Oyster.

By Michael Seely
12.35 **BILOXI BLUES** (nap). 2.20 Twin Oaks. 2.55 Mr Frisk.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 **LORD TORENAGA.**

Going: good (7.30am inspection)

12.35 BRISTOL NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,015: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

101	2200-21	**BILOXI BLUES** 13 (G,S) (R Gilder) K Bailey 5-11-7	P Croucher	● 99
105	1211	**TEBITTO** 34 (F,S) (L Ames) A Turnell 4-11-7	Steve Knight	84
106	00-144	**IRON GRAY** 17 (S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-4	B Powell	76
107	0/00-00	**ANOTHER TROUP** 6 (R Townsend) R Townsend 5-11-0	Mr D Townsend (7)	—
108	40	**AVALON** 15 (J Pearn) N Ayliffe 4-11-0	M Ayliffe	—
110	00	**DANCING BARRON** 15 (B) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 6-11-0	R Millman	—
111	000-32	**FARM WEEK** 17 (BF) (Lord Chetwode) G Balding 5-11-0	G Bradley	87
112	0/0	**NEARBRIDGE** 18 (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 7-11-0	Mr G Maundrell	—
115	0003-0	**PRIMULA PLEASE** 15 (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 5-11-0	H Davies	74
116	0/210-3	**REBEL SONG** 30 (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-0	S Sherwood	90
117	FP-4	**ROMFUL PRINCE** 29 (C Mitchell) C Mitchell 4-11-0	Mr T Mitchell (7)	62
118	03P-42	**UNDER OFFER** 31 (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) P Bailey 6-11-0	C Llewellyn (4)	81
119	03-U	**WOODLANDS GENPOWER** 48 (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 5-11-0	D Chinn	—
121	000/04-	**BELS ANGEL** 466 (N Connop) R Hollinshead 5-10-9	J Osborne (4)	—
122	0/0430-0	**MISS CANNIBAL** 23 (R Pugh) R Pugh 6-10-9	M Price (7)	83

BETTING: 7-4 Biloxi Blues, 7-2 Rebel Song, 4-1 Tebitto, 6-1 Farm Week, 10-1 Under Offer, 12-1 Iron Gray, 16-1 Romful Prince, 20-1 others.

1986: SUNBEAM TALBOT 5-10-7 Mr M Armytage (8-1) R Armytage 10 ran

FORM **BILOXI BLUES** (11-0) odds on when beating Drumlin Hill (11-0) 2½l at Newbury (2m 100yd, £2041, good, Nov 28, 19 ran).
TEBITTO (11-8) has won three out of four starts most recently with a ½l win over Mad Jimmy (11-0) at Chepstow (2m, £1314, good to soft, Nov 7, 18 ran).
IRON GRAY (10-12) beat Career Bay (10-12) 10l on good to soft on reappearance at Stratford (2m, £995, Nov 5, 17 ran).
FARM WEEK (10-12) came up against exciting novice Slalom (10-12) and was beaten 8l at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £2681, heavy, Nov 24, 13 ran) with **IRON GRAY** (11-2) 6l 4th.
REBEL SONG (11-0) will improve on reappearance run at Newbury (2m 100yd, £1493, soft, Nov 11, 12 ran) when 13l 3rd to Hill's Pageant (11-5) with **IRON GRAY** (11-6) 15l 4th.
UNDER OFFER (11-0) looked as though this extra distance would suit when ½l 2nd to Dick Knight (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f, £870, good to soft, Nov 10, 18 ran) with **DANCING BARRON** (11-0) unplaced.
Selection: **BILOXI BLUES**

1.10 KINETON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,851: 2m) (7 runners)

201	3F32-30	**PADDYBORO** 21 (D,F,G,S) (Capt F Tyrwhitt-Drake) J Gifford 9-12-1	T Pitfield	98
202	F312-2U	**DOUBLETON** 6 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Ford) C Popham 6-11-6	W Humphreys	96
203	43P-142	**TARN** 20 (CD,F,G,S) (S Harrap) N Gaselee 9-11-4	A Adams	97
204	2F-1021	**LATIN AMERICAN** 23 (B,CD,F,G,S) (J Ritchie) T Forster 10-10-10	C Llewellyn	94
205	0-PU112	**WISE CRACKER** 9 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (S Dalton) P Blockley 6-10-8	—	● 99
206	21P03-0	**STONEY CREEK** 8 (G,S) (E Banks) K Bailey 7-10-8	D Mustow	91
207	2112P-P	**NONSTOP** 29 (B,BF,F) (Mrs S Goldblatt) P O'Connor 8-10-1	J Osborne	92

BETTING: 9-4 Tarn, 3-1 Latin American, 4-1 Doubleton, 5-1 Wise Cracker, 8-1 Paddyboro, 10-1 Stoney Creek, 12-1 Nonstop.

1986: LATIN AMERICAN 9-10-6 W Humphreys (11-2) T Forster 6 ran

FORM **PADDYBORO** has yet to be seen at best this season. On final run last season (11-7) was a creditable 7l 2nd to Panto Prince (11-1) at Devon (2m 1f, £4188, soft, Apr 14, 13 ran).
DOUBLETON (12-7) was not far short of best form on seasonal reappearance when 1l 2nd to stable companion Energise (11-5) at Wincanton (2m, £2037, good, Nov 26, 5 ran).
TARN is best judged for the purposes of this race on (10-11) a ½l defeat of Music Be Magic (11-7) over this course and distance (£3818, good, Oct 8, 8 ran).
LATIN AMERICAN (11-4) jumped well when making all to beat Wingetta (10-2) 6l at Kempton (2m 4f, £2351, good to soft, Nov 18, 4 ran).
WISE CRACKER (11-6) is best judged on a 3l defeat of Tartan Trader (12-1)
at Ayr (2m, £1226, good to soft, Nov 20, 5 ran).
Selection: **WISE CRACKER**

1.45 BRISTOL NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,085: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

302	234-441	**ALASKA RUN** 15 (S) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 5-11-4	S Sherwood	84
303	0/2420-1	**CONE ALONE** 23 (D,S) (G Phillips) A J Wilson 6-11-4	G Bradley	92
304	0-1P	**PEARLY GLEN** 23 (S) (Mrs F Winter) F Winter 7-11-4	B de Haan	80
306	10	**THEODAS** 17 (S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 6-11-4	R Millman	80
309	00-0	**COURTBROOK** 7 (Mrs S Tainton) N Painting 6-11-0	A Sharpe	—
312	400/00-0	**FRED THE TREAD** 21 (G Greenwood) T Casey 5-11-0	E Buckley	—
313	8	**JACKDAW** 8 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 7-11-0	J Osborne (4)	70
315	00-2	**LORD TORENAGA** 21 (C Pilkington) F Walwyn 4-11-0	K Mooney	● 99
316	0-00	**MILITARY TWO STEP** 31 (R Mead) G Balding 5-11-0	S Moore	—
317	11F	**MOLE BOARD** 15 (F,S) (R Macauley) O O'Neill 5-11-0	S Cowley	—
323	00000-	**SEAL PRINCE** 234 (Mrs J Dening) R Dening 6-11-0	R Rowell	—
325	0-P	**TOYTOWN** 31 (Mrs P Ransom) P Ransom 6-11-0	—	—
326	00/04-	**CANT GO WRONG** 254 (Miss J Hadley) M Oliver 6-10-9	E Buckley	72
327	000-43	**LAST HOUSE** 43 (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 4-10-9	R Arnott	73

BETTING: 6-4 Lord Torenaga, 7-2 Cone Alone, 4-1 Alaska Run, 7-1 Pearly Glen, 10-1 Mole Board, 12-1 Theodas, 14-1 Jackdaw, 16-1 Last House, 20-1 others.

1986: COMPTON PARK 5-11-0 P Tuck (7-2) J King 17 ran

FORM **ALASKA RUN** showed improved form last time at Haydock (2m, £1531, soft, Nov 26, 9 ran) when (11-0) beating Autumn Sport (11-0) ½l. **MOLE BOARD** (11-0) was still in contention when falling at the fifth flight.
CONE ALONE put up good effort when running in a handicap on reappearance (11-0) beating Sirundy (10-7) 2l.
EARLY GLEN was pulled up on first attempt at this distance on last outing. Previously (11-0) ran on strongly to beat Le Carotte (11-0) ½l at Devon (2m 1f, £1019, good to soft, Oct 30, 17 ran), with **MILITARY TWO STEP** (11-0) a well beaten seventh.
LORD TORENAGA showed no form in Ireland last season, but on reappearance at Ascot (2m, £2487, good to soft, Nov 20, 15 ran) belied his odds of 33-1 to (11-0) run 2l 2nd to Anything Better (11-5).
CANT GO WRONG best effort was on final start last season when (10-9) finishing 16l 4th to Kinces (10-12) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1375, soft, Apr 1, 22 ran).
Selection: **LORD TORENGA**

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 6-0432 **TIMESFORM** 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.20 BMW SERIES FINAL (Handicap chase: £10,482: 3m 1f) (12 runners) BBC 2

401	21U-331	**LUCKY RASCAL** 8 (G,S) (J Ingram) J Gifford 8-12-0	R Rowe	94
402	0/F32F-1	**TWIN OAKS** 23 (G,S) (J Moreton) D Murray-Smith 7-11-10	P Croucher	83
403	121U-32	**SHEPHERD'S HYMN** 13 (F,G,S) (H Gram) P Blockley 6-11-9	—	80
404	003-212	**SAMFEN** 21 (BF,F,G,S) (F Ballard) M H Easterby 5-11-3	L Wyer	81
405	F10-F14	**TARCONEY** 15 (BF,G,S) (R Whittle) P Cundell 7-11-3	R Strange	87
406	11431U	**GIOLLA PADRAIG** 16 (F,G,S) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 9-10-12	A Merrigan (4)	85
407	UP11-01	**WOODSIDE ROAD** 18 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Prowting Homes) D Nicholson 7-10-12	S Sherwood	84
408	FF-0412	**SALEHURST** 8 (BF,F,S) (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 7-10-11	J Frost	88
409	0113-F3	**DYLAN'S PRIDE** 31 (S) (C Lewis) D Barons 8-10-5	H Davies	● 99
410	00F2-24	**RAUSAL** 21 (BF) (Mrs K Lloyd) T Bailey 8-10-0		81
411	PP21-12	**ALEXANDRA PALACE** 49 (BF,F) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 6-10-0	E McKinley (4)	85
412	FF0-020	**PELION** 17 (G,S) (Mrs A Garrett) J King 7-10-0	C Llewellyn (4)	82

BETTING: 7-2 Twin Oaks, 5-1 Samfen, 6-1 Salehurst, 7-1 Dylan's Pride, 8-1 Woodside Road, 10-1 Lucky Rascal, Tarconey, 12-1 Giolla Padraig, Shepherd's Hymn, 14-1 Alexandra Palace, 16-1 Rausal, 20-1 Pelion.

1986 (run over 3m at Newbury): QUEENSWAY BOY 7-10-4 A Webb (12-1) Miss A King 10 ran

FORM **TWIN OAKS** put up good effort on reappearance this season (11-0) beating Bob Tisdall (11-10) 10l at Kempton (3m, £3283, good to soft, Nov 18, 6 ran), with **LUCKY RASCAL** (11-0) who jumped poorly and finished a distance behind in 3rd.
LUCKY RASCAL is best judged on latest start when (12-0) beating **SALEHURST** (10-8) 2½l at Warwick (2m 4f, £2822, good, Dec 3, 12 ran).
TARCONEY ran moderately when favourite at Wincanton last time. Previously (11-5) beat Spartan Orient (10-2) 3l at Sandown (3m 118yd, £3012, good to soft, Oct 31, 7 ran) when **DYLAN'S PRIDE** (10-0) was an early faller.
WOODSIDE ROAD was left clear at the last when (11-10) beating Rath Wonder (11-6) 15l at Haydock (3m, £3157, soft, Nov 25, 6 ran) and **GIOLLA PADRAIG** (11-10) was disputing the lead when unseating rider at the last.
selection: **LUCKY RASCAL**

2.55 FOOD BROKERS FERRERO ROCHER HANDICAP CHASE (£7,687: 3m 1f) (9 runners) BBC 2

501	1021-1R	**GOLDEN FRIEND** 41 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (D Meade) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-10	D Browne	98
502	442-030	**WEST TIP** 13 (CD,F,G,S) (P Luff) M Oliver 10-11-10	E Buckley	97
503	4P3F3F-	**CHARTER PARTY** 267 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 9-11-7	T Morgan	97
505	2110-0P	**GAINSAY** 13 (B,CD,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3	B de Haan	97
506	01-22F1	**MR FRISK** 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 8-10-13 (5ex)	P Croucher	93
508	11-14U8	**MIDNIGHT MADNESS** 13 (D,F,S) (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 9-10-8	D Morris (4)	95
509	F04F-12	**STRANDS OF GOLD** 30 (BF,G,S) (Independent Twine) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-7	H Davies	95
510	031-330	**GOLDEN MINSTREL** 13 (G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 8-10-3	R Rowe	● 99
515	2-223F2	**CASTLE ANDREA** 22 (G) (D Jeffries) D Jeffries 9-10-0	M Jenkins	80

BETTING: 11-4 Mr Frisk, 4-1 Strands Of Gold, 9-2 Gainsay, 6-1 Golden Friend, 8-1 West Tip, 12-1 Charter Party, Midnight Madness, 16-1 Golden Minstrel, 20-1 Castle Andrea.

1986: I HAVENTALIGHT 7-10-11 P Scudamore (6-4 fav) F Winter 6 ran

FORM **GOLDEN FRIEND** (11-6) beaten when refusing at the last behind Cybrandian (11-2) at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good to soft) last time. On final start of last term (11-4) quickened clear up the hill to beat **WEST TIP** (11-10) 7l here (3m 2f, £9260, firm, Apr 22, 5 ran).
MIDNIGHT MADNESS (10-4) was behind with chance inside the final mile when 22½l 5th to Playschool (10-8) at Newbury (3m 2f 82yd), with **WEST TIP** (11-8) a behind distance in 6th, **GOLDEN MINSTREL** (10-1) another 1½l behind in 7th and **GAINSAY** (10-13) pulled up after being prominent early on.
GAINSAY (10-11) best effort last season was when beating the fast finishing **GOLDEN FRIEND** (11-10) 2l at Liverpool (3m 1f, £6410, good, Apr 3, 10 ran); a race in which **STRANDS OF GOLD** (10-10) fell at the 12th fence.
MR FRISK (11-10) made all to beat Risk A Bet (11-9) 5l at Warwick (3m, £2624, good, Dec 3, 6 ran) last time.
STRANDS OF GOLD (10-8) stayed on from two out when 12l 2nd to Durham Edition (10-9) at Kelso (3m 4f, £3642, good, Nov 11, 4 ran).
GOLDEN MINSTREL takes time to reach his peak. His best effort last season was (11-3) an 8l defeat of Lewesdon Prince (11-1) at Towcester (3m, £2327, good, Apr 20, 11 ran).
selection: **GOLDEN MINSTREL**

3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,817: 3m) (15 runners) BBC 2

602	11/204-1	**MOTIVATOR** 6 (C,D,G,S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 7-12-0 (6ex)	M Pitman	98
604	304102-	**BLUFF COVE** 240 (CD,F,G,S) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 5-11-10	J Osborne (4)	97
605	0300-01	**EMO FOREVER** 27 (V,CD,S) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 7-11-10	L Wyer	● 99
606	14-1143	**STAGHOUND** 21 (F,S) (Mrs C Meadows) J Gifford 5-11-9	R Rowe	90
607	1402-P2	**PRAIRIE OYSTER** 21 (S) (M Dorey) O Sherwood 4-11-8	S Sherwood	90
609	211-11P	**MOUNTAIN CRASH** 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) (A Parker) J Edwards 7-10-11	—	88
610	33/2141-	**SAINT ACTON** 308 (G,S) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 6-10-9	S Moore	95
611	11/3330-	**HORN OF PLENTY** 235 (C,G,S) (C Moorsom) J Edwards 8-10-9	—	—
612	00121-P	**QUARRY MACHINE** 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Brain) J Edwards 6-10-7	T Morgan	97
613	10200/0	**CELTIC FLIGHT** 14 (C,S) (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-5	D Browne	—
616	13/010	**BOGAZKOY** 21 (BF,F,S) (S M Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 5-10-0	R Beggan	95
617	PU0F-2B	**AISLING GEAL** 7 (BF,G) (H & K Commissions) D Gandolfo 7-10-0	K Evans (7)	88
618	3112-01	**KUWAIT LEEL** 6 (S) (J Wilcox) F Jordan 5-10-0 (4ex)	D Wilkinson	89
619	3/P30-00	**THE DISCO DAGO** 21 (G,S) (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 9-10-0	Miss G Armytage	94
620	0F0/P00-	**ZIRCON'S SUN** 305 (F,G) (Viscountess Kelburn) D Laing 8-10-0	G Charles-Jones	—

BETTING: 7-2 Motivator, 4-1 Emo Forever, 5-1 Prairie Oyster, 7-1 Staghound, 8-1 Mountain Crash, 10-1 Saint Acton, 12-1 Kuwait Leel, Bluff Cove, 14-1 Quarry Machine, 20-1 others.

1986: BLUFF COVE 4-10-1 P Dever (12-1) R Hollinshead 26 ran

FORM **MOTIVATOR** (11-4) underlined stable's good recent form with a 2l win over Miss Nero (11-10) at Chepstow (3m, £3517, soft, Dec 5, 16 ran).
EMO FOREVER (11-0) recorded his second course win (3m 1f, soft, Nov 14, 10 ran) in his last race beating Ruby Flight (10-4) 3l.
PRAIRIE OYSTER (11-6) came up against a very well handicapped horse when 10l 2nd to Take No Trash (10-3) at Ascot (3m, £3345, good to soft, Nov 20, 13 ran) with **STAGHOUND** (11-10) 3l further back 3rd.
MOUNTAIN CRASH (10-4) employed usual front running tactics when ½l winner from Yale (11-6) at Stratford (2m 6f, £3209, good to soft, Nov 5, 11 ran).
BOGAZKOY (10-3) proved he retains ability with a 5l Kelso win (3m 1f, £1333, good to soft, Nov 11, 14 ran) over King's College Boy (12-5).
Selection: **EMO FOREVER**

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
O Sherwood	10	44	23	P Croucher	5	17	29
F Walwyn	13	62	21	S Sherwood	13	75	17
F Winter	18	101	18	G Bradley	10	63	16
G Balding	12	77	16	K Mooney	7	53	13
M H Easterby	6	47	13				
J Edwards	8	63	13				

Only qualifiers

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Dantes Tree.
1.15 Gulf Of Gold.
1.45 Glen Lochan.
2.15 Merry Junior.
2.45 Rising Forest.
3.15 Park Run.

oing: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

45 LOTTERY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,263: 2m 150yd) (8 nners)

30-0F22	**TRAFALGAR BLUE** 4 (G,S) (R Scholey) R Scholey 7-12-2	C Dennis	95
3-12241	**VALENTINOS JOY** 13 (CD,F,G,S) (G Oldroyd) G Oldroyd 8-12-1 (6ex)	W Stephens (7)	90
300/F-00	**KASHILL** 13 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Taylor) S Mellor 9-10-13	J Smith (5)	—
3300FP	**TIERENEE** 24 (F,S) (F Barton) F Barton 9-10-13	T Woolley (5)	84
0/30414	**MOUNTAINEER** 20 (F,G,S) (C Booth) J Leigh 8-10-7	G Lyons (5)	97
12-00F0	**BERMUDA'S GLEN** 14 (S) (R McGahon) J Blundell 9-10-6	R Marley	93
343U01	**DANTES TREE** 17 (S) (W Tree) R Robinson 8-10-5	T P White (5)	● 99
FPP203	**THE BUTCHER** 11 (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 7-10-0	S Woods (3)	—

BETTING: 100-30 Dantes Tree, 4-1 Valentinos Joy, 9-2 Mountaineer, Trafalgar Blue, 8-1 Bermuda's n, 12-1 Tierenee, The Butcher, 16-1 Kashill.

1986: ADARE 7-11-4 C Kellett (16-1) D Hodgson 5 ran

15 SAUCY KIT NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,649: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

310	**LEAVENWORTH** 6 (BF,G) (S Hollis) J Blundell 10-12	M Brennan	● 99
P	**AINSTY FOX** 17 (C Burton) N Tinkler 10-7	B Ellison	—
00	**ARROWKNIGHT** 37 (V) (Arrowknight Ltd) C Horgan 10-7	P Double	—
4	**GULF OF GOLD** 14 (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 10-7	C Grant	82
03044	**PHILS PRIDE** 6 (A Bayman) A Smith 10-7	J A Harris	91
00	**SKINNHILL** 6 (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 10-7	P Tuck	89
00	**VAIGLY BLAZED** 23 (L Spencer) C Horgan 10-7	E Murphy	—
0	**MAJESTIC MISS** 6 (M Webster) G Oldroyd 10-2	M Pepper	—
02	**WHITE JAZZ** 13 (W Gredley) Mrs D Haine 10-2	J White	89

BETTING: 11-4 White Jazz, 3-1 Leavenworth, 100-30 Gulf Of Gold, 11-2 Phils Pride, 6-1 Skinnhill, Ainsty Fox, 14-1 others.

1986: ALARM CALL 10-7 M Dwyer (6-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS
my Fitzgerald	6	27	22.2	No qualifiers
Only qualifier				

1.45 MERRYMAN II NOVICES CHASE (£1,789: 3m 122yd) (15 runners)

4	1	**MATRIC** 46 (S) (J Wilson) J Blundell 6-11-3	D Dutton	85
7	F02212	**TENESAINT** 18 (S) (C Saunders) C Saunders 6-11-3	Mrs J Saunders	96
8	320F-31	**BORDER RAMBLER** 4 (G) (R Ryrer) G Richards 7-11-3	P Tuck	● 99
9	10F/4FF	**GLEN LOCHAN** 15 (F,G,S) (Lady Cadogan) N Crump 7-10-12	C Hawkins	98
11	000/0P0	**HOOTS OF LAUGHTER** 28 (Mrs B Burgess) J Blundell 6-10-12	S Johnson	—
14	.0000/41	**MAGIC** 21 (S) (T Civil) W Wharton 6-10-12	S J O'Neill	74
15	P0FP2-P	**MILTON PARK** 7 (D Lacey) J Blundell 7-10-12	M Brennan	—
18	00F4-F2	**RATH WONDER** 16 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 6-10-12	NON—RUNNER	—
19	02/4F	**TABER** 7 (S Tabener) P Blockley 6-10-12	P Niven	72
20	001-2	**TABOOMA** 31 (F) (S Freeman) J Edwards 6-10-12	T Morgan	94
21	00-P	**TEN OF CLUBS** 24 (S Brewer) Mrs M Dickinson 6-10-12	C Grant	—
22	0PP0U	**INVISIBLE THIEF** 25 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-10-9	T P White (7)	—
23	0P0-0U0	**KING KAS** 15 (Miletrian Ltd) D Gandolfo 5-10-9	G Landau	—
24	00-0U	**ROBINCROWN** 20 (J Perris) P Harris 5-10-9	C Cox	—
25	403	**TOM BIR** 6 (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 5-10-9	NON—RUNNER	95

BETTING: 5-2 Border Rambler, 100-30 Tenesaint, 4-1 Magic, 6-1 Ten Of Clubs, 8-1 Matric, 10-1 Tabooma, 12-1 Tom Bir, 14-1 others.

1986: PLAYSCHOOL 8-11-1 P Nicholls (8-13 fav) D Barons 6 ran

2.15 EBF SEA PIGEON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,856: 2m 150yd) (4 runners)

2	21340-P	**ORBITAL MANOEUVERS** 6 (CD,F,G,S) (C Chapman) P Blockley 6-11-10	P Niven	97
3	131-00	**THE DEMON BARBER** 13 (G,S) (R Cuppa) G Richards 5-11-3	P Tuck	94
4	300-13	**MERRY JUNIOR** 25 (S) (Mrs D Scott) E Owen jun 4-10-2	D Burchell (7)	● 99
5	1/01222-	**RINGMORE** 433 (F) (W Sellers) J Parkes 5-10-0	—	98

BETTING: 5-4 Merry Junior, 9-4 The Demon Barber, 100-30 Orbital Manoeuvers, 6-1 Ringmore.

1986: BUCK UP 4-10-0 L Wyer (8-13 fav) M H Easterby 5 ran

2.45 RED ALLIGATOR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,246: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

8	40/1F1-3	**RISING FOREST** 43 (BF,F,G,S) (A Budge Equine Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-10	P Tuck	91
9	1F-3434	**KOUROS** 11 (G,S) (F Starr) O Brennan 8-11-8	M Brennan	● 99
10	FP1-310	**SMART TAR** 20 (D,F,S) (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 6-11-8	J White	90
12	332442	**TRAVELOWEN** 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 10-11-7	C Grant	93
15	P22-0F1	**DEEP AND EVEN** 11 (B,F,S) (C Brooks) F Winter 7-10-11 (4ex)	P Scudamore	98
16	1P-0030	**NO-U-TURN** 14 (F,G) (S Tindall) S Mellor 9-10-5	G Landau	90

BETTING: 9-4 Rising Forest, 3-1 Deep And Even, 4-1 Smart Tar, 5-1 Kouros, 6-1 Travelowen, 20-1 No-U-Turn.

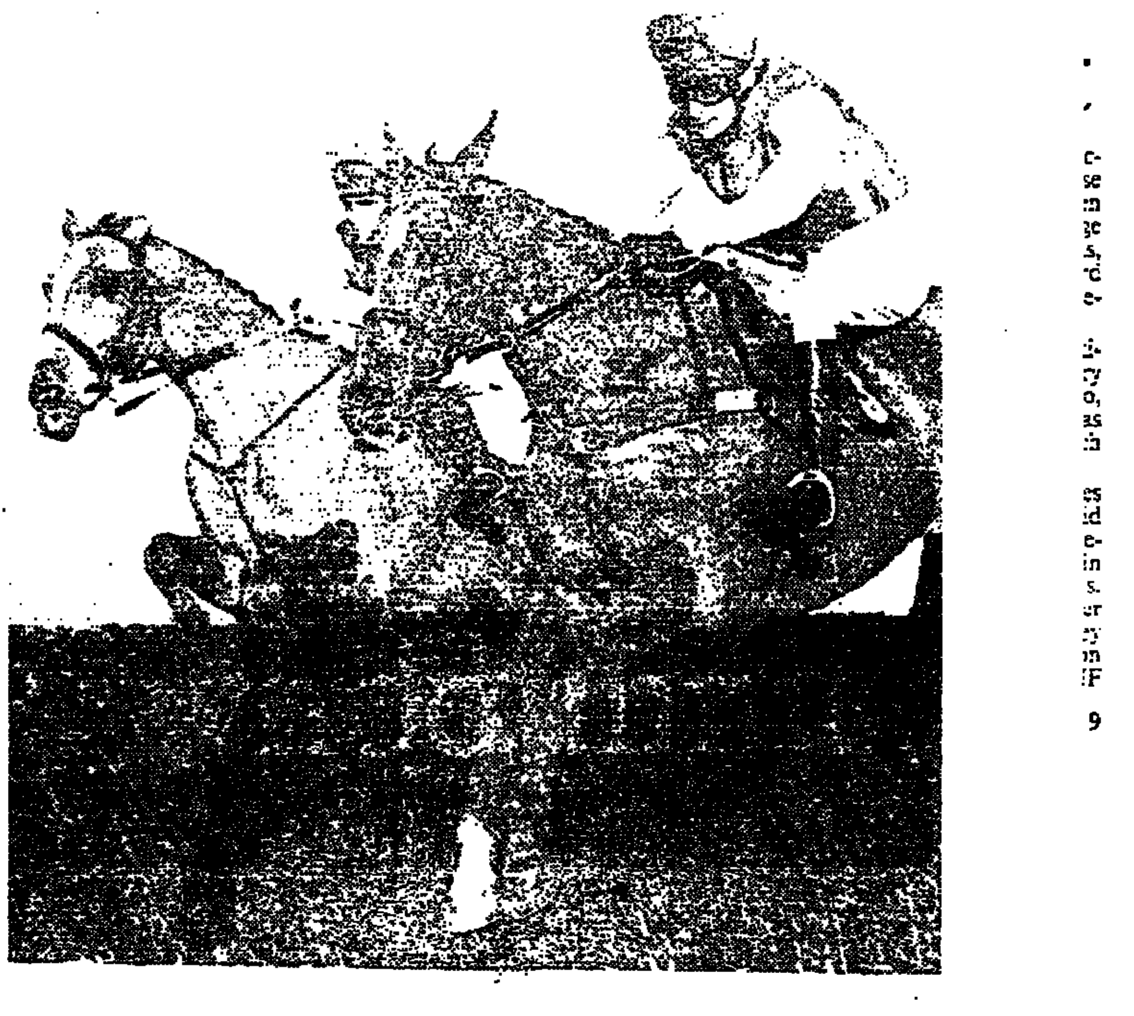
1986: REPINGTON 8-10-3 C Hawkins (5-2) N Crump 5 ran

3.15 DOORNOCKER NOVICES HURDLE (£845: 3m 122yd) (18 runners)

2	30P-041	**SUSSEX OVERSEAS** 24 (S) (F Jackson) F Jackson 5-11-4	Diane Clay (7)	66
3	002-212	**TARTAN TRADEMARK** 21 (BF,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 5-11-4	P Tuck	● 99
4	221104	**STANDON MILL** 21 (S) (Mrs S Blane) G Moore 4-11-2	M Hammond	94
6	213320	**G G MAGIC** 58 (G) (A Giese) C J Bell 4-11-1	C Dennis (7)	93
8	0/002-30	**AH HELLO** 28 (Middleton Aggregates Ltd) J Jenkins 6-10-12	M A'Hern (4)	81
9	P-00	**ASSAIL** 11 (Mrs M Maslen) R Woodhouse 6-10-12	S Woods (4)	—
10	00PP0-P	**CHART FINDER** 17 (B) (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 5-10-12	J A Harris	76
14	1/303-	**FLYING DANCER** 272 (S) (D Bramall) Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-12	C Grant	93
15	0P	**HEARSAY** 17 (T Painting) F Winter 5-10-12	P Scudamore	—
16	0	**JESMOND** 20 (Mrs R Coleman) P Charlton 5-10-12	J J Quinn	—
19	000P-00	**MY KIKALONG** 21 (Salestrend Ltd) J J O'Neill 5-10-12	G Lyons (7)	—
20	40/010-1	**PARK RUN** 13 (G,S) (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-12	J R Quinn (7)	98
21	04	**PHALIES FOLLY** 25 (F Sheridan) F Sheridan 5-10-12	S Cusack (7)	84
24	00PFP-0	**THE CHEESEMAN** 23 (Mrs C Sheridan) F Sheridan 7-10-12	C Hawkins	—
25	0/	**THE COWAN THING** 996 (W Cowan & Son Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-12	N Smith (7)	—
27	P	**VELVET TOUCH** 7 (Mrs T Henderson) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-12	P Niven	—
29	04000/P	**CORRIEBEAG** 6 (Miss F Geddes) Miss F Geddes 7-10-7	A Orkney	—
30	1/P02-P0	**LITTLE SERENITY** 8 (G) (Mrs Y Dawes) D Gandolfo 5-10-7	G Landau	88

BETTING: 3-1 Park Run, 7-2 Tartan Trademark, 6-1 Flying Dancer, 8-1 Hearsay, Standon Mill, Sussex Overseas, 10-1 G G Magic, 12-1 Ah Hello, Phalies Folly, 16-1 others.

1986: BIG TOGGER 6-10-10 M Dwyer (11-4) J Hanson 19 ran



Mr Frisk (right), seen here winning the Fred Withington Novices' Chase at the corresponding Cheltenham meeting 12 months ago, returns to the course today for the Food Brokers Ferrero Rocher Handicap Chase in which he is penalized for his Warwick success eight days ago

Scheme aimed at improving the future of steeplechasing

By Michael Seely

The Seventh Race Scheme, which is currently under discussion between the Jockey Club, the Racecourse Association and Satellite Information Services, could well play a vital role in helping to preserve the steeplechaser from extinction.. as their nurseries, the National Hunt flat race and the novice hurdle, are prime targets for the plan.

"The 'bumper' situation seems to have come to a head this year," John Smee, the secretary of the Race Planning Committee, said yesterday. "And as there is no way that the majority of racecourses could afford to stage a seventh race regularly without sponsorship, SIS have agreed to fund air time and to get one or two major sponsors for a large series of races. There will be a similar scheme on the Flat as well."

Last Saturday the dearth of steeplechasers was dramatically highlighted when the grand total of 19 horses contested six handicaps with a total of £34,300 in added money, at Sandown, Chepstow, Wetherby and Nottingham.

Discussing the situation, Tim Forster, who has won three Grand Nationals, said: "Things aren't normally as bad as on Saturday, and a long spell of open weather always exaggerates the situation. But for years now there has been little encouragement for people to try and keep stores, in the shape of providing them with races they are capable of winning.

"Don't forget that time and patience are expensive commodities. Nowadays an unbroken three-year-old from Ireland costs £10,000 to £15,000 with at least another £15,000 before the finished article is produced; at the end of which time he may well be useless. And the traditional owners of these animals like Mr Jim Joel are becoming more and more of a rarity."

David Barons, whose Devon stable has provided the last two winners of the Hennessy in Broadheath and Playschool, specializes in the importing of New Zealand-breds as chasing prospects.

"It's vital to get experience into your young horses," he said, "and it's getting very difficult to do so. Ideally you like to get three or four runs into them in their first year. But with the enormous fields for novice hurdles, he's likely to be balloted out during the winter. And then when the fields get smaller in the spring, the ground dries up and there's a risk of jarring up. We must have more bumpers."

Jimmy Fitzgerald, a former member of the Race Planning Committee and the trainer of Forgive'N Forget, holds the same opinion, but warns: "We mustn't let it get out of proportion as all the other horses have to be provided for as well. But there's still a crying need for more bumpers.

"I'd go even further than that and suggest that horses in bumpers could be ridden by professional jockeys, if we're prepared to put up 7-10lb extra. After all, the whole idea is to educate your horses, not frighten them."

An idea of the scarcity of high class chasers — and hurdlers as well — can be gained from studying the statistics. There are 1,654 chasers in training of which 1,375 are rated from 0-44. At the top end, only 50 are regarded as being within a 30lb weight range of Desert Orchid, with another 229 occupying the intervening bands down to 45. It is no wonder that the better class handicaps have difficulty in filling.

Just to give an idea of the problems involved and also of the needs of the horse population, there are 4,009 hurdlers (71 per cent of the total) of which 3,705 are rated 0-44. Of the remainder only 49 are considered to be within 30lb of See You Then, the champion hurdler.

North of the border, David McHarg, clerk of the course at Ayr, Kelso and Edinburgh, presides over the Elysian fields of the embryo chasing star. At Edinburgh on January 7, for example, the seven-race programme will include a bumper, a novice chase and two novice hurdles. One of these, for five-year-olds and upwards, is over 2½ miles and confined to horses that have not won a Flat race, and the other is for four-year-olds.

"We try and establish a progressive programme," he said. "In the first year there are bumpers. Then for the second season, novice hurdles run over two miles six furlongs for horses that may lack for speed over shorter distances. And then for third-season horses, we have a good supply of novice chases over 2½ and three miles."

Scotland, of course, is in a unique position. Not only is there less pressure from the resident horse population, but the main source of supply is the less precocious animal of which trainers like Arthur Stephenson, Neville Crump and Fitzgerald have a plentiful supply as well as the local farmers, breeders, smaller trainers and permit holders. However, in the south and Midlands, where there are far more stables with a preponderance of animals from the Flat, the situation is entirely different.

Richard Mackaness, secretary of the National Trainers' Federation, said: "The federation thinks there is a lack of central co-ordination from the Jockey Club as there are so many races of the same type taking place together and then there is a big gap."

Jockey Club 'pleased' by Sunday vote

The Jockey Club reacted to Wednesday night's House of Lords vote on Sunday racing with cautious optimism yesterday.

An amendment to Lord Wyatt's Sunday Sports Bill, which would allow betting shops to open only on Sundays when racing takes place, was passed by 78 votes to 61. Last month, an amendment proposing that betting shops should open every Sunday was narrowly defeated.

Lord Fairhaven, the Jockey Club's senior steward, said yesterday: "I'm very pleased with last night's vote and I would just like to repeat what I said at the Gimcrack dinner on Tuesday that I believe Sunday racing will come but only if we, and I mean the whole industry, not just the Jockey Club, keeps up the pressure.

"This bill's third reading takes place on Wednesday. It will then, I hope, complete its successful passage through the House of Lords. I wish Nicholas Soames every success with his Sunday Racing Bill in the Commons next month."

Smith Eccles to ride Kribensis for sheikh

By Alan Lee

Sheikh Mohammed's tentative venture into National Hunt racing has taken another step forward with the engagement of top jockey Steve Smith Eccles to partner his initial jumper, Kribensis.

Trainer Michael Stoute has booked Smith Eccles, who has this week made two abortive attempts to school the smart former Flat horse on Newmarket's frozen gallops.

Kribensis, runner up in last summer's King George V handicap at Royal Ascot, is expected to make his hurdling debut next month and could very well be the trail-blazer for a stream of jumping runners from the Sheikh's vast stock of more than 300 horses.

Many National Hunt folk view this possibility with concern, fearing that an Arab invasion of their sport could mop up the limited prize money on offer and force smaller owners out of the game.

However, the Sheikh, speaking this week at the Gimcrack dinner, insisted that he has no wish to exert any kind of monopoly in racing.

For Smith Eccles the link is a welcome windfall in a season which has so far brought him precious little luck.

He missed seven weeks with a broken arm and champion trainer Nick Henderson, who retains him, has virtually closed his yard due to worries over his horses' health.

Smith Eccles said yesterday: "It is a privilege to be asked to ride for the sheikh and a very exciting opening for me, which I obviously hope could lead on to greater things."

● Grand National sponsors Seagram are backing a new series of novice hurdle races in the north, culminating in a final at Ayr on Scottish Grand National day, April 16. The series will have four qualifiers at Ayr, Kelso, Edinburgh and Carlisle. The final of the Seagram 100 Pipers Championship, as it will be known, will be worth £6,000 to the winner.

Mixed weekend outlook

Prospects for racing at the weekend hang in the balance after continued forecasts of frost and fog.

Today's meeting at Devon and Exeter was called off yesterday afternoon but officials remain optimistic at Cheltenham and confident at Doncaster that racing will go ahead.

Philip Arkwright, Cheltenham's clerk of the course, said yesterday: "Fog is a bigger worry than frost at the moment. We wouldn't have raced today because of the fog. If the sun had been able to get through, though, we would have had a chance. We will inspect at 7.30."

Doncaster's clerk of the course, Pat Firth, reports no problems. Despite a forecast of freezing fog in the area, he said yesterday: "There was no frost today and we definitely could have raced. Only one degree of frost is forecast so no inspection is planned."

Both courses also have fixtures tomorrow when the other meetings are Lingfield and Towcester.

Lingfield is expected to go ahead. A course spokesman said: "The frost came out of the ground today and no problems are envisaged."

At Towcester, where there was still frost in the ground yesterday afternoon, the stewards will decide this morning whether to hold an inspection at 3pm or wait until 7.30am tomorrow.

Tomorrow's Irish meeting at Punchestown is subject to an 11am inspection today.

Support from Levy Board

Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Levy Board, has reiterated his support for the Jockey Club in their quest for a suitable all-weather racing surface.

"We hope that the necessary research can be brought to a speedy conclusion in the spring so that firm decisions can be taken at the earliest opportunity," he said.

"The Levy Board supports the concept of all-weather tracks because it recognizes they could bring substantial benefits to the punter and racing and bookmaking industries.

There were 67 meetings lost to the weather during the 1986-87 National Hunt season and the abandonment of today's Devon meeting brings to 13 the number lost this term.

Neighbours: Guy Pooley (LMBC) and Lisa Ross Magenty (New Hall), cox of the Des boat, on the Tideway yesterday. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

ROWING

New faces press their claim to place in eight

By Jim Railton

Cambridge University's trial eights on the Tideway yesterday were named Shane and Des after two characters in an Australian television soap opera, *Neighbours*. After an unispiring row from Putney to Mortlake, Plodder and Racer would have been more appropriate.

Shane, stroked by Bill Mills of Middlesex, with Blues Nick Grundy, Richard Spink and Matthew Brittin on board, dominated the trial race soon after the Mile Post. The tide was moderate and the weather crisp and clear. Soon after the Mile Post, Mills lengthened rather than spurted and was clear by the Crabtree.

Des, stroked by Guy Pooley, who impressed in the Head of the River Fours, and backed by Cambridge president Jim Garman, could not lift his crew to respond.

Shane shot under Hammersmith Bridge with a lead of one and a quarter lengths but their coxswain, Andrew Lawson-Smith, went far too wide and that in itself contributed more to his opponents clawing back and clinging to Shane's tail.

Shane, consistently underrating their rivals, eventually powered away in Dorney Reach and went out to one and a half lengths and that effectively was the second and final blow. Shane added another half by Barnes Bridge and reached Mortlake with a three-length lead in a time of 18min 18sec which was a good time in the conditions.

So the chief coach, Alan Inns, and his team have much work to do before the Boat Race on April 2. Pooley, stroke of the losing trial eight, could well be Cambridge's stroke on Boat Race Day, while new faces, but not all necessarily freshmen, such as the Australian junior international, Paul Schreier, Paddy Mant, Bill Mills and Duncan Hole looked yesterday as though they would be pressing claims for a place in the Cambridge eight.

SHANE: P Schreier (Melbourne GS and Queens') bow, M Richardson (Tonbridge and Clare), D Hole (Foster's GS Sherbourne and Selwyn) *R Spink (Sherborne and Downing), N London (Leeds GS and Magdalene) *M Brittin (Hampton and Robinson) * N Grundy (St Edward's and Jesus), W Mills (Winchester and LMBC) stroke, A Lawson-Smith (St Andrew's, US and Queens') cox.

DES: P Parker (Kings School Wimbledon and Emmanuel) bow, M Keeley (Melbourne University and Pembroke), N Ames (Eton and 1st and 3rd Trinity), M Smith (Shrewsbury and Magdalene), J Pepperell (Oundle and Sydney Sussex), P Mant (Cheltenham and Selwyn), *J Garman (Shrewsbury and LMBC), G Pooley (Imperial College and LMBC) stroke, L Ross-Magenty (Godolphin and Latymer and New Hall) cox.

*denotes a Blue.

GOLF

Schools of thought divided after tour examinations

From John Hennessy
La Manga

There was a scene of mixed emotions on the last day of the 102-hole PGA qualifying school marathon here yesterday. Those to whom a smile had seemed an unnatural characteristic suddenly beamed from ear to ear, while others bore the expression of men condemned to the dungeons, if not the gallows.

This illustrates the importance of gaining a players' "union" card, and, with it, entry to next year's tour events, to rub shoulders with the Woosnams and the Ballesteroses, the Langers and the Faldos.

The tournament format provides cards for the top 50 among the 236 entries, of whom 130 had already fallen by the wayside after four rounds. But the higher one's placings the more events one would be able to play, so that even those lying safely in, say, twentieth position were living on their nerve ends. A fluffed chip here, a missed putt there could remove important tournaments from a player's schedule next year.

Even the runaway winner, Mike Smith, of Alabama, confessed afterwards, his face at last shedding its melancholy, that he had been on edge. Yet a final round of 69 over the South course, three under par, left him the winner by three shots. The margin was that close only because his compatriot, John De Forest, of New York State, recorded seven birdies for a round of 65.

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410: M Smith (US), 70, 64, 69, 64, 74, 69. 413: J De Forest (US), 69, 74, 71, 68, 71, 65. 414: E Romero (Arg), 71, 72, 69, 67, 67, 68; C Parry (Aus), 68, 70, 71, 68, 72, 65. 416: J Howell (US), 68, 68, 70, 68, 74, 68. A Stevens, 67, 73, 72, 69, 70, 67; I Roberts (Aus), 69, 63, 70, 73, 75, 67; J Jacobs (US), 74, 71, 67, 69, 68, 68. 420: L Carbonetti (Arg), 71, 69, 73, 67, 73, 67; E Bolognesi (It), 72, 67, 72, 67, 72, 70; P Harrison, 70, 68, 72, 67, 71, 72; J Davila (Sp), 70, 68, 67, 70, 72, 73. 421: P Mitchell, 71, 68, 70, 67, 73, 72. 422: M Hallberg (Swe), 67, 73, 72, 67, 74, 69; S Bottomley, 68, 71, 72, 69, 72, 70; D Gilford, 69, 65, 71, 71, 76, 70; L Ficking, 74, 68, 68, 69, 73, 72; J Rystrom (Swe), 72, 66, 70, 69, 72, 73. 423: D Whelan, 74, 69, 68, 69, 74, 69; B Ogle (Aus), 71, 67, 70, 70, 76, 69; J Haas (US), 67, 72, 74, 68, 73, 71; W Stevens, 68, 68, 73, 68, 73, 73. 424: R Richardson, N Briggs, M Jonsson (Swe), G Webb, B Norton (US). 425: A Sorensen (Swe), Kyi Hla Han (Burma), M Litton, P McWhinney (Aus), C McClellan (US). 426: S McAllister, M Miller, S Thompson, A Binaghi (It), R Walzel (US), M Pendaries (Fr), P Hinton. 427: J Bennett, P Jones (Aus), P Persons (US), B Lewis, S Townend. 428: C Laurence, R Fish, W Milne. 429: J Hobday (SA), P Kent, J McHenry. 430: S Cipa, W Winsnes (SA). 431: J Gervis. 433: J Parnevik (Swe). Failed to win card (included: 433: J Hawksworth. 437: D Wood. 438: P Hoad. 439: J Robinson. 444: R Morris.

Craig Parry, a diminutive Australian, matched De Forest's 65, on a day of flat calm to move up to joint third place with Eduardo Romero (68 yesterday), of Argentina, on 414. The leading British player was Tony Stevens, whose 67 put him in sixth place, alongside yet another American, John Jacobs (68), and a second Australian, Ian Roberts (67).

Stevens is keeping some impressive company here, since all the players around him have strong credentials. Even Parry, aged 21, had a strong amateur record before turning professional two years ago.

Four years older, Stevens, from Alton, in Hampshire, studied for a certificate in recreation and sports management before trying his hand at competitive golf three years ago.

This was his fourth term at school, and so far his best achievement has been sixteenth in the European Open at Sunningdale two years ago.

After missing birdie putts from three feet and 10 feet at the two previous holes yesterday, he seemed to have ruined it all by pulling his tee shot to the last into a lake. But after the penalty drop he hooked a colossal one-iron over palm, over ravine, over sand, over everything to the back of the green to save his par. It was a monumental stroke, suggesting that here is a young man, with an engaging personality, who could be going places.

John McHenry, an Irish member of the Walker Cup team this year, lives to fight again with a splendid last round of 67. He is now involved in a sudden-death play-off this morning for the last two places with Justin Hobday, of South Africa, and Paul Kent, of Woburn.

John Hawksworth, another former Walker Cup man, languished four strokes behind on 433. He was critical of La Manga. "This place is a joke," he said, "and should never be used for an important event."

RUGBY UNION: LEADING WELSH CLUB THE VICTIM OF ITS OWN SUCCESS

Bath have waived option to demerit

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Bath's Courage Clubs Championship match with Waterloo will go ahead tomorrow — frost permitting — despite the absence of 13 first-choice players. Eight are required by the South West for divisional duty, a ninth, Halliday, would have played against the North but is injured, a tenth, Cronin, is away with the Anglo-Scots, two more — Barnes and Martin — are long-term injuries and the baker's dozen is made up by Hall, who continues his comeback, after a knee operation, in the second XV.

Even so, two internationals will turn out at the Recreation ground: Hill, the captain and scrum half, and Simpson in the back row. Realistically, Bath's decision is also an admission that, having lost three league matches already, they are unlikely to be in contention for the championship at the end of the season, though of course Waterloo are.

The Lancashire club, which loses three forwards to the North, has won both league matches it has played, though I doubt if what is effectively Bath United will make life easy for it. The other first division match tomorrow, between Bristol and Moseley, is not subject to a change of status (even if either club wanted to) because neither have the minimum of five players away in representative games. Bristol give Dun, Webb, Harding and Knibbs (the replacement in the centre for Halliday) to the South West; Moseley lose only Robson and Linnett to the Midlands.

Knibbs is also due to turn out on Sunday, for the Public School Wanderers against the touring South Koreans at Old Deer Park. He will be at centre alongside Buttimore (Leicester), in a back division with an intriguing pairing at half back of Johnson (Oxford University and Northampton) and Bishop (Pontypool).

Bishop, who was delighted to receive a letter from the Welsh Rugby Union earlier this week inquiring about his availability for next May's national tour to New Zealand, has been a faithful supporter of Wanderers' games and invariably runs through the gamut of his individual skills on their behalf. He will be a hot handful for the Koreans, who have yet to win on tour.

Although suspended for 30 days by the Gloucestershire disciplinary committee, Gadd will be available once more for Stroud next Tuesday, since the sentence runs from the day he was sent off, playing for the county against Devon on November 14.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS (v South Korea): N Stringer (Wasps); G Webbe (Bridgend), R Knibbs (Bristol), T Buttimore (Leicester), A N Other; A Johnson (Oxford University), D Bishop (Pontypool); I Stephens (Bridgend), M Watkins (Cross Keys, capt), G Sargeant (Lydney), O Williams (Glamorgan Wanderers), N Edwards (Harlequins), J Morrison (Bath), T Bell (Harlequins), G Williams (Bridgend).

Cardiff need lean men after the fat years

by Gerald Davies

"No, the rumour is not true. He's not playing for us on Saturday" was C. D. Williams's response in anticipation of a question that had yet to be asked. Barry John had just that moment walked in and the cute quip alluded to him.

If you believe, as many had done all week, that Gareth Davies had been asked and was about to emerge from retirement to rescue the Cardiff club's declining fortunes, then why not really tell a mad tale and resurrect the annointed one to guide them out of the wilderness.

As chairman of the Cardiff Rugby Club selection committee, C. D. Williams was thoroughly well versed in getting his verbal retaliation in first this week to fend off questions about the club's stand-off half position.

Gareth Davies, the outstanding Cardiff stand-off half of the decade, who has scored more than 3,000 points for them but who retired two seasons ago, was being recalled to the team, so the rumours had it, to help out the club, but the point in fact has not been raised in committee.

It is nowhere near the kind of season Cardiff have grown cosily accustomed to over the years. They have already lost 10 matches and drawn another two in their 24 games to date.

The whole of their history shows their standards to have been consistently higher than any Welsh club, but to be sunk so low, and the Llanelli defeat a fortnight ago, was a blow which cut deep into the solar plexus of the club, is not something they know very much about. Smiles were strained for a week until they put paid to Swansea's ambitions of recording one of their extremely rare victories at the Arms Park (only four times since the last war).

But their difficulties have been there from the start of the season when Mark Ring departed for Pontypool and showering criticism of Cardiff as he did so. No fun in their rugby, no plans for the young players, was the core of his blast. Then, John Scott, their successful captain of this decade, had his spot of bother and went to the Press about the lack of understanding between the committee men and the players and the need, as he saw it, of a new structure of player management. The rot has not gone away.

"It would appear," Williams says, "that the players have not been totally committed this season, especially at forward. They are playing behind the ball and not with it in their hands.

"We have had our fair share of injuries, too, and bad luck, particularly at stand-off half. Malcolm Dacey had joined us and no sooner had he done so than he was injured. He returned only to get injured again. The same happened to David Evans and now Geraint John is also out for some time."

This is an acute problem for them, of a kind they have barely experienced in many, many decades. Cardiff have always had brilliant half backs, usually having one or both of them playing for Wales. It is a luxury they are now desperately missing.

But they have had their difficulties elsewhere, too. "Alan Phillips and Howard Stone, at forward, have been injured, too," Williams goes on. "And now our captain, Robert Norster, is out for at least a month."

But Cardiff, too, are victims of all their recent success, which comes to any team. It is only in the rare cases that a new team gradually evolves out of the old. More often than not, a distinct break has to be made. The fat years do come to an end.

"We are short of the middle range of players. We have young ones coming up — we had 12 for instance in the East Glamorgan-Monmouth under-23 match the other evening — and we have now mature players who brought us all that success. But we have hardly any in the mid-20s who should be waiting in the wings. When we were successful and playing well, we lost a lot of these players who, quite rightly, did not want to play second fiddle to those in the first team. So they moved on. As this team grows older there are no players with any great experience to replace them. There is a generation gap."

This is going to represent a gap in their success, too. It looks as if it is not just a player or two they need, more like half a dozen.

Decision on Monday

Tredegar should know on Monday what action the Welsh Rugby Union will take over their inclusion of an ineligible player in the Schweppes Cup third round match with Glamorgan Wanderers.

A three-man WRU sub-committee will meet Tredegar officials, who have permission to call witnesses who were not permitted to attend when the cup adjudication panel met last Tuesday.

Tredegar inflicted Wanderers' first defeat of the season, but it will not be until Monday that Penygraig are certain who will visit them in the fourth round on December 19.

A triumphant campaign

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Wellington (Berkshire) have had a splendid autumn term, winning all of their 11 matches, their latest victory being a bloodless one, against **Eton**, by 45 points to nil. They have been particularly well served by their promising outside half, Oliver Benkert, and the No. 8, Philip Irons, who has scored 11 tries.

Rugby experienced a thoroughly successful November with good wins against **St Edward's, Oxford** (22-10), **King Henry VIII, Coventry** (18-7), **Arundel** (9-3) and **Bedford** (29-6). But they have not been able to field the same team in successive games and the consequent lack of continuity may have contributed to two recent hiccups, both honorable losses. Against **Warwick**, they scored the game's only try in losing 12-15 and their first meeting with **Nottingham HS** ended in defeat by 19-14, both sides scoring three tries.

Taunton ended their programme with a flourish by beating **Canford** (28-0) and scoring six tries. They scored another six in their 32-6 defeat of **Blundell's**. It is the first time since 1947 that they have won all their school fixtures. David Hazell, who propped for England and is now a member of the staff, was in that 1947 team.

A roistering 53-9 victory for **Epsom** over **Whitgift**, maintained their unbeaten record and of their nine tries, seven came from the wings and full back. It is the first time since 1963 that both the first and second teams have both been undefeated.

Special commendations are due to **Howsham**, a preparatory school from York, who have played 16 matches and won them all, scoring 588 points and conceding 53. They have deprived five schools of previously unbeaten records and their spectacular showing is the more remarkable as they have only 63 boys from whom to select; all their three teams are unbeaten.

Trent, with seven wins from 10 matches are going well and have recently beaten **Welbeck** (19-4), **Mount St Mary's** (15-4), **Warwick** (27-3) and **Denstone** (36-4), the biggest win the college has ever registered against Denstone.

Two members of the **Finham Park Comprehensive** side played with distinction for Warwickshire 19 group but, meeting **Durham** in a one-off fixture arranged to fill a vacancy, Finham Park were crushed by 60 points to nil, conceding 13 tries in the process.

Preston Grasshoppers, organizers of the popular All England Schools 15-a-side Festival, would greatly appreciate news for their brochure of any players who have competed in the Festival and are now representing senior clubs, their counties or their countries. Write to the Festival organizer: Jeff Hutchings, 107 Woodplumpton Lane, Woodplumpton, Preston.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Officials bent on preserving image

By Keith Macklin

The midwinter madness of confrontation and controversy, which seems to have afflicted all sports, is threatening to destroy an image that has been carefully nurtured by the Rugby League for the last decade.

While cricketers raged at umpires and footballers fell foul of civil law, Rugby League felt free to relax in the knowledge that the code's reputation for good behaviour on and off the field was intact and a model for all.

Recent events have threatened to throw this reputation into disarray, with a series of brawls and one amateur player facing possible civil prosecution for an assault on a referee.

The York v Dewsbury mass flare-up last Sunday was the culmination of a series of nasty incidents which have angered Rugby League officials to such a degree that Gerry Kershaw, a top-ranking senior referee, last night said: "The scenes at York were absolutely disgraceful, and the League should make an example of the culprits for the rest of the teams to notice and take heed of."

Yesterday, at a disciplinary committee meeting at Leeds, the five players who were sent off — Paul Shuttleworth, Stuart Morris and Steve Hinchcliffe, of Dewsbury, and Stuart Horton and Ian St John Ellis, of York — were each suspended for four matches. They were also referred on disrepute allegations to the management committee's special inquiry into the brawl next Tuesday.

There is little doubt that, when that committee considers the referee's report of the match, severe punishment will be inflicted.

The League's public relations officer, David Howes, hinted as much when he said: "There is no sign as yet that the thugs are taking over the game, and that Rugby League is in danger of losing its good reputation. It is merely that the trouble-makers in all sports are getting the headlines at the moment, and recent decisive action by the management committee has thrown our own problems into focus. However, having said that, we must put our house in order very quickly before this sort of thing spreads."

In addition, a York director and two more players will appear before the committee, charged with bringing the game into disrepute. They are Tony Rose (York) and Mick Hughes (Dewsbury), who were not sent off, but whose names were noted by the referee, and Albert Bond, a York director who went on to the field to join the scuffles, then claimed he was trying to separate the players.

Kershaw is particularly incensed about the recent ugly scenes that have disfigured the game, and he also insists that the thugs are a tiny minority. "For every game like last Sunday's at York there are 150 smashing ones without a hint of trouble."

MOTOR RACING

Benetton have sole use of new engine

By John Blunsden

The Benetton Forumla One racing team will have the exclusive use next season of a new normally aspirated Ford engine featuring three inlet and two exhaust valves per cylinder.

The 3.5-litre V8 engine will carry the designation DFR and it marks a further development of the three-litre DFV and DFY engines, which scored 155 grand prix victories over a period of 16 years, and of this year's DFZ derivative which powered Jonathan Palmer and Data General Team Tyrrell to their respective world championships in the 3.5-litre class.

This is the second year in succession that Benetton have changed engines, having this season replaced their 1986 BMWs for the 1.5-litre Ford Turbo power units, further development of which has been curtailed by the changing Formula One regulations under which turbo-charged engines will be banned from 1989 and restricted to only 2.5-bar boost and a fuel limit of 150 litres in 1988.

Ford and Cosworth Engineering are designing a new 3.5-litre engine for the 1989 season, of which again Benetton will enjoy a year's exclusive use, at which point the DFR engine, which has been designed to develop about 600 b.h.p., will become available to other racing teams.

The operating strategy of this engine will be controlled by the Ford EEC IV computerized management system.

Benetton have also confirmed a driver change for 1988. Teo Fabi, who has decided to return to Indy Car racing in the United States after three seasons with the Formula One team, has been replaced by a fellow-Italian, Alessandro Nannini, who had considerably impressed grand prix racing's talent spotters during his two seasons with the uncompetitive Minardi Team.

Nannini, aged 28, who came into motor racing through the Fiat Abarth formula and later drove with distinction in Formula Two with a Minardi-BMW as well as in endurance racing as a member of the Lancia sports car team, will partner Thierry Boutsen, of Belgium, who joined Benetton a year ago and has been the team's most successful driver during the past season.

ATHLETICS

Trial field may be cut further

By Steven Downes

Cross-country's chosen few could become even fewer if the fears of David Denton, the president of the English Cross Country Union (ECCU) — the national governing body — are borne out.

The format of the United Kingdom cross-country trials is in some doubt, less than two months before they are schueduled to be staged for the first time, because of the parlous state of the finances of the British Amateur Athletic Board, organizers of the event at Gateshead.

The trials are the result of the four home countries being forced to send a single UK team to the world championships next March. However, in the six weeks since the Board's plan for the event was announced, concern has grown that the financing of travel and accommodation costs for 100 men, 60 women and 60 junior men would be too great a burden, and that the senior men's field, for example, would need to be pruned back.

"We as a body want to ensure that no one with an outside chance of making the UK team should miss out on an invitation to the trial," Denton said yesterday. "We fear that unless the field is extended, there are some people who will miss out."

Denton and his ECCU colleagues had hoped that, by individual funding, more English runners would be able to attend the trials. But at an executive meeting last weekend the financial fears of the Board were made clear.

The ECCU has already named 37 men who it considers ought to be invited to the trial, and already some runners not on that list have made known their concern that they will miss the cut. In theory, the final date for performances to be considered would have been January 9, when the area championships are to be staged. In reality, tomorrow's BAAB annual meeting — possibly the last before a new British federation is formed — could have greater bearing.

BOXING

Davidson unrepentant

Gary Davidson, the London promoter, who was "severely reprimanded" by the British Boxing Board of Control for allowing a bookmaker to operate at his Battersea show last month, claimed yesterday he had paved the way for in-hall betting in boxing.

Davidson said he would continue to allow betting at his shows. "I have made a stand," he said. "This is not just for myself, but for other promoters." The former boxer, aged 34, who has been promoting for 12 months, said there would be round-by-round betting at his next show at Hornsey Town Hall on January 19.

B. J. Eastwood promotion at Adwick on Saturday, where Herol Graham stopped the American, Ricky Stackhouse, also featured in-hall betting. Davidson said boxing was no different from other sports where gambling was permitted and he refuted the Board's contention that betting could lead to violence in boxing arenas.

"There were 1,100 fans backing Blake against Christie and a lot of them would have had a fiver on him, but there was no trouble even when he got knocked out in the first round.

"Last week there were fights at Wembley and there was no bookie there," he added.

HORSE TRIALS

Capt Phillips will not be fit for Badminton

By Jenny MacArthur

Captain Mark Phillips, a contender for next year's Olympic three-day event team, will not be fit enough to compete at Badminton in May — traditionally the most influential pre-Olympic trial — following his recent operation on his Achilles tendon. He said yesterday that he will start competing again with Cartier — on whom he finished eighth at this year's European Championships — in June, his main goal being the final Olympic trial in August.

The injury did not prevent him from attending — on crutches — yesterday's "topping-out" ceremony at his new Equestrian Centre at Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire. His plans for the magnificently equipped complex, which is costing £3 million to build, include the staging of a major televised international show in February, 1989, with total prize-money of £75,000.

Capt Phillips said he hoped to attract a small but high-quality number of show-jumpers (about 32) for the three-day show which will have a unique formula: 16 riders would qualify for the big class on the second day and eight for the final day.

The Centre, built on an eight acre site close to the hotel, is also being considered as a possible venue for a second British Volvo World Cup show jumping qualifier. Volvo representatives are to visit the centre next month. If the idea is accepted the international show would be extended accordingly in 1990.

At present the Olympia show in London, which takes place next week, hosts the only British qualifier. The Equestrian Centre will be run along similar lines to Jackie Stewart's successful shooting school at Gleneagles started two years ago.

Gleneagles provides the facilities but Capt Phillips is responsible for managing it. The facilities are second to none including Britain's largest indoor equestrian arena (2,850 square metres), a covered indoor practice arena and seating for 650.

The Centre will be officially opened in May by the Princess Royal.

OLYMPIC GAMES

IOC to decide on penalties for boycotters

Lausanne (AP) — The International Olympic Committee is to examine possible penalties for countries that boycott the Olympic Games. A panel of four would focus on nations that renege on invitations to compete at the Games, the IOC's executive board decided

The last three Summer Games have been hit by boycotts and North Korea is threatening to lead a Socialist bloc boycott of Seoul if its demands to co-host the Games are not met.

The Olympic Charter, the IOC's by-laws, does not provide any penalties for boycotting countries. No members of the Eastern bloc are among the 101 nations that have thus far accepted invitations to compete at Seoul but they have until January 17 to respond.

Two skiers, Ingemar Stenmark and Marc Girardelli, have received final approval to compete in the 1988 Games. They were among 10 sportsmen who received permission from the IOC's executive board. All had either previously competed internationally for other countries or, in Stenmark's case, been banned previously for being a professional.

SKIING

Danger at every turn for downhill women

From Ian Macleod, Leukerbad

There were ominous signs this week that Leukerbad, which is hosting its first World Cup downhill event, finds itself in imminent danger of its Torrentalp piste gaining the reputation as the most demanding on the women's circuit.

The terrain is spectacular and uncompromising. It provides a sense of wonderment at nature's blessings on the region: deep gorges, dense with forest and majestic peaks that make other mountain ranges almost seem insignificant.

The 2,575m course is second in length only to the famous Lauberhorn at Wengen, though the none-too-affectionate name with which it has been dubbed, the "Lady-Kitzbühel", is a direct comparison with the legendary "Streif", the Hahnenkamm in Austria.

Even members of the Swiss squad, no strangers to these slopes, were alarmed by the course earlier in the week. The first training run had to be abandoned after the descent of the twentieth racer. And, only three Swiss skiers, Walliser, Oertli and Figini managed to take every turn.

"The course changes every day," Michele Figini, the World Cup champion, said. "It is very hard and technically difficult. It is especially hard to carve the turns, even more so than at the world championships at Crans-Montana."

Set by the American trainer, Konrad Rupprechter, many believe the piste to be the hardest ever devised for women. "It would not shame a men's downhill," a respected Swiss colleague remarked.

Not surprisingly, the Swiss have dominated the three completed training runs. Zoe Haas has won two, including yesterday's run in which Miss Walliser, the world champion, was among three who fell. Testimony indeed to the toughness of the piste.

Michele Gerg, of West Germany, believes that "although it is still tough, it is only dangerous if you do not ski well. We have all have the same chance to train on the course. The middle part is the most difficult as it is bumpy. But I like difficult courses because if you ski well then you finish in leading places."

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FOOTBALL: CHAIRMAN LEAPS TO DEFENCE AFTER OFFENDER'S SUSPENSION

Long haul to Rome about to begin

Zurich (Reuter) — The all-seat 1990 World Cup finals in Italy will be the safest international football tournament ever held. So said Joseph Blatter, the general secretary of FIFA, yesterday.

Blatter, who confirmed that standing spectators would not be permitted at any of the matches during the finals or during the qualifying games for the 1994 finals, said he was certain FIFA's planned anti-hooligan measures would succeed.

Hermann Neuberger, the chairman of FIFA's World Cup organizing committee, confirmed that Israel would again be included in the Oceania section alongside Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Taiwan when the qualifying draw for the 1990 finals takes place tomorrow.

Neuberger revealed one unexpected change in the arrangements for the European section draw when the seedings were announced. It had been expected that the second-placed teams in the three groups of four teams would meet in play-offs to decide the final two qualifiers from the section. However, Neuberger said the teams with the best second-placed qualifying records would go through automatically.

This will mean that Europe's 13 qualifiers will be made up of the top two nations from the four groups of five, the winners of the three groups of four and the two teams with the best second-placed records in those groups. *Italy qualify automatically as hosts.*

EUROPEAN SEEDS: Top seeds: West Germany, Spain, England, Soviet Union, Denmark, Belgium and France. **Second seeds:** Bulgaria, The Netherlands, Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Scotland and Portugal. **Third seeds:** Romania, Sweden, Wales, Northern Ireland, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Yugoslavia. **Fourth seeds:** Ireland, Greece, Switzerland, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Albania. **Fifth seeds:** Turkey, Malta, Cyprus and Luxembourg.

QPR protest after FA ban rules out Dennis for 53 days

By Dennis Signy

The career of Mark Dennis, the Queen's Park Rangers defender, could be over, according to his chairman, *David Bulstrode*, after the Football Association banned the player for 53 days yesterday.

After the announcement that Dennis, who has been dismissed 11 times in his career, would be suspended from all football from Christmas Eve until February 15, Bulstrode announced that the club would lodge an appeal.

As the disciplinary committee chairman, Leslie Mackay, was leaving the room, Bulstrode said: "Our reaction is that it is an appalling decision that does nothing for football and does nothing to encourage an honest player. I think it is enough to finish anybody's career. I cannot see how a man can play football carrying the burden he is supposed to carry."

Dennis faced a charge of bringing the game into disrepute after his dismissal in Rangers' game at Tottenham Hotspur on November 14, the fourth time he has faced the charge. Mackay, who sat during the 40-minute hearing with Ian Stott, the Oldham Athletic chairman, and a member of the Football League Management Committee, and Major Alan Dobson, of the Army FA, said that Dennis had committed 77 offences in the course of just over 10 seasons — "almost a unique record".

Mackay said that the ban, which was the unanimous decision of the committee, was the longest in his experience; the previous longest single punishments were imposed on Kevin Keegan and Billy Bremner when they were dismissed at Wembley during the FA Charity Shield match in 1974.

Dennis, who will have to pay the costs of the hearing at Lancaster Gate, has already been suspended for two games for his dismissal at Tottenham, which has cost him £1,000 in lost wages and a suspended fine imposed by the Professional Footballers' Association when it looked at his poor disciplinary record last year.

The player, who has made only four appearances since his £50,000 transfer from Southampton during the summer because of injury and now suspension, will miss at least 10 matches during the period from December 24 until mid-February. Rangers have 14 days to appeal; Bulstrode said they would be following FA procedures.

He was accompanied to the hearing by Jim Smith, the QPR manager, and conducted Dennis's defence. He said that Dennis, who left by taxi afterwards without commenting, was "extremely upset". Smith himself was "extremely surprised and disappointed".

Bulstrode, who conducted his post-hearing interview in the seat vacated by Mr Mackay, added: "Nothing I am saying detracts from my view that the FA and the League should take the necessary action concerning foul play and misbehaviour. The club has a strong disciplinary code which we follow in appropriate circumstances."

Although Bulstrode said that Dennis had a lot of character — "I think a lot of him" — it is unlikely that Rangers will play him before Christmas while the seven-week sentence is hanging over him. Dennis, who has talked of giving up football, was said by a club source to be "shell-shocked" and considering his future in the game.

The committee "briefly discussed" Smith's reported comments about Osvaldo Ardiles, the Argentinian international, after Dennis was dismissed at Tottenham, but took no action. They also warned Joe McLaughlin, the Chelsea captain, about his future conduct after he was reported for comments to the referee after his side's 3-1 defeat by Arsenal at Highbury last month.

Roll of dishonour

How Mark Dennis's 53-day ban compares with other long suspensions imposed by the Football Association for on-field offences:

Nov 1969	D Dougan (Wolves)	8wks
Nov 1969	J Fitzpatrick (Man Utd)	8wks
Jan 1970	R Rees (Notts For)	6wks
Jan 1970	G Best (Man Utd)	6wks
Dec 1971	B O'Neil (Soton)	9wks
Dec 1971	D Hollywood (Soton)	9wks
Oct 1987	*S Walsh (Leicester)	9mtchs

*Walsh's ban, originally for six games following the sixth sending-off of his career, was increased by three matches when he reached 21 disciplinary points last month.

NOTE: Offenders were banned for a specific number of weeks, not matches, before the disciplinary points system was introduced in 1972-73.

Fearing the worst: Dennis arrives at the FA's Lancaster Gate headquarters for his hearing

Robson looks ahead to an enchanted view

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

A beam of dazzling brilliance can be seen shining across the end of the football season. The finals of the European Championship may be six months away but, even from this distance, it looks as though they could be even more spectacular than the sparkling tournament staged in France in 1984.

The field that will assemble in West Germany next June is filled not only with teams of the highest quality but also with almost all of the Continent's *most* exciting and gifted individuals. From the first match to the fifteenth and last the show promises to be an extravaganza.

The finalists are collectively so outstanding that their eventual qualification, with the exception of the Republic of Ireland, could have been predicted before the start of the preliminary stages. After watching The Netherlands complete the line-up in unsatisfactory circumstances in Amsterdam on Wednesday night, Bobby Robson can foresee few weaknesses.

"If anybody had asked me a year ago who would be there, I would have picked six or even seven of the sides that have made it," he said. "It could be the best European Champ*ionship ever held, even allowing* for the absence of the holders, France. It is a pity about their recent decline.

"Their tournament three years ago was terrific but we weren't there and nor were the Italians, the Dutch and the Soviets. You would think that the presence of those four nations, on their current form, anyway, *would help to raise* the overall standard rather than lower it, wouldn't you?"

The prospects are further enriched, in English eyes, since the domestic representatives have been seeded second and are considered one of the genuine favourites. Heartened though he is to have lifted the nation to such unusual heights, Robson prefers not to stare too long at the view.

"Talk of us in that position is a tribute to the squad overcom*ing the problem of missing out* on European experience with their clubs. We haven't been favourites for years but we shouldn't worry about that. We should go out, enjoy the tournament and try to play our best football."

His realism is founded on the possible outcome of the draw in Düsseldorf on Janurary 12. *Would England still* be considered likely to win a trophy on foreign soil for the first time if, for example, they are grouped with Italy, the Soviet Union and The Netherlands?

There is even a case for suggesting that to be seeded could be interpreted as a disadvantage. Had England been included in a quartet with the West *Germans, who invariably* improve as tournaments progress, they would have avoided the uncomfortable fate of colliding with the hosts in the semi-final.

Robson had already compiled a folder full of information on six rivals. He knew enough about the Irish, who are regarded as the outsiders, anyway, and *particularly since the luck*less Brady cannot influence their destiny because of suspension. Spain and the Soviet Union are familiar opponents as well.

Terry Venables confirms that the Spaniards, beaten 4-2 in Madrid by Robson's side in February, fear the physical strength and the unremitting *pace of the English game.* In going down 1-0 at home last year, the Soviets also found themselves unable to cope with those characteristics which are sometimes underestimated here.

Robson has refreshed his notes on the Italian defence, on the Danish attack and particularly on the Germans' ability both at the back and up front. Although they were responsible for the heaviest defeat of his managerial career so far, England were significantly without Bryan Robson and Butcher at the time.

Even during the farcical pantomime on ice in Amsterdam Robson saw enough to convince him that the Dutch are indeed re-emerging as a talented unit. Gullit, the most expensive player in the world, Bosman, one of the most prolific, and Muhren, one of the oldest, were all prominent.

Ordered effectively by UEFA to qualify in an undignified silence behind closed doors, The Netherlands could be the dangerous dark horses in the summer. Robson has seen for himself how fluently creative they can be but the strength of their security, utterly untouched by Cyprus, remains as yet unknown.

He intends to find out on March 23, when the Dutch visit Wembley, but that evening his own defence could be the more exposed. Butcher, his broken leg still encased in plaster, will almost certainly not have recovered in time to accompany the comparatively inexperienced Adams in the middle.

To combat the unmistakable aerial force of Bosman, who nodded in three of The Netherlands' four goals against the Cypriots, he is likely to recall the rugged Watson. Everton's central defender, after being omitted from the squad for last month's tie in Yugoslavia, can expect to be promoted above both Mabbutt and Wright.

Except, perhaps, for Hoddle, no other candidate outside his regular formation should be too confident of being selected for England's remaining practice matches. *As Robson himself* says, why should he unnecessarily arrange a side that is about to carry so much optimism into an event of such potential stature?

Carter to explain his actions

By Clive White

Robert Maxwell and Elton John last night agreed to a request by Philip Carter, the Football League president, to delay completion of the sale of Watford Football Club until after next Tuesday's management committee meeting, in order that Carter can obtain ratification from his fellow members for the agreement reached between himself and Maxwell last Saturday.

Though the majority of the committee is not happy with the agreement reached by its president — and even less with the manner in which six of the eight members were excluded from the secret discussions — it may have little alternative but to give *Maxwell the go-ahead to* purchase John's 92 per cent shareholding in the club.

Short of another surprise injunction there is little that the League can now do to stop the deal going ahead. The committee has been warned by its legal advisers that failure to withdraw the injunction against Maxwell would give him jus*tification for not keeping his side* of the bargain, which was to sell his family interest in Oxford United.

The majority of the committee believes that Carter's part of the agreement is worth nothing, since Maxwell has been given no time limit by which he must sell the Oxford shares. It is felt that the shares should have been sold *first, before he was allowed to* purchase Watford.

Carter will have some explaining to do to his fellow members, and should the vote go against him he may feel obliged to step down as president, though that may not necessarily be the wish of the majority of his colleagues, despite his action last weekend. Ian Stott, the Oldham Athletic chairman, said: "I don't see the necessity for Carter's resignation. It's a matter of getting together and having the whole matter explained."

Board meets to discuss offer

The Norwich City board of directors was meeting last night to decide whether or not to accept Manchester United's latest offer for Steve Bruce, the England B defender. United, who earlier this week had a bid of *about £750,000* rejected, came through with an improved offer after a 2 p.m. deadline on the transfer negotiations had expired. However, they are sticking to a cash-only offer, which may not be good enough for Norwich.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Second round replay: Hartlepool 3, York 1 (Hartlepool home to Luton Town). **Postponed:** Bristol Rovers v VS Rugby.
FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen 3, Falkirk 1.
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five: Netherlands 4, Cyprus 0.

UEFA CUP: Third round, second leg: Sportul Studensc (Rom) 0, Hellas Verona (It) 1 *(Verona win 4-1 on agg)*; Flamurtari Vlora (Alb) 1, Barcelona (Sp) 0 (Barcelona win 4-2 on agg); Panathinaikos Athens (Gr) 5, Honved Budapest (Hun) 1 (Panathinaikos win 7-6 on agg); TJ Vitkovice (Cz) 2, Vitoria Guimares (Por) 0 (2-2 on agg: Vitkovice win 5-4 on pens); Dinamo Tbilisi 1, Werder Bremen 1 (Werder win 3-2 on agg); Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 1, Feyenoord (Neth) 0; (Leverkusen win 3-2 on agg); FC Bruges (Bel) 5, Borussia Dortmund (WG) 0 (aet; score after 90min, 3-0; Bruges win 5-3 on agg); Espanol (Sp) 1, Inter Milan (It) 0. (Espanol win 2-1 on agg).
WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: First round: Hounslow 1, Fareham 3.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 6, Nuneaton 1
VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Collier Row 1, Tilbury 0. **Second division south:** Feltham 4, Hungerford Town 0. **Postponed:** Horsham v Yeading.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth 4, Torquay 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 5, Grimsby 1; Hull 4, Coventry 1; *Sheffield Utd 1*, Leicester 0. **Second division:** Darlington 0, Oldham 0 (abandoned at half-time); Doncaster 1, Preston 2; Notts County 2, Middlesbrough 0; Scunthorpe 1, West Bromwich 4; Stoke 0, Rotherham 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Congleton 1, Leek 1. **Postponed:** Radcliffe v Stalybridge Celtic; Winsford v Irlam.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Bristol City 2, Southend 4.
KENT SENIOR CUP: Welling 4, Sheppey 3
BUDWEISER CUP: Semi-final: Coleraine 2, Bangor 2 (aet; score after 90 min, 2-2; Coleraine won 3-1 on pens).
GUINNESS SOCCER SIX: Group E: Everton 0, Tottenham 0; Tottenham 3, Manchester United 3; Manchester United 4, Everton 1. **Group F:** Coventry 1, Nottingham Forest 3; Nottingham Forest 2, Arsenal 0; Arsenal 1, Coventry 3. **Final:** Nottingham Forest 0, Manchester United 0 (Nottingham Forest win 2-1 on pens).
SPANISH CUP: First round, second leg: Real Sociedad 2, Cartagena 0. (Sociedad win 2-1 on agg).

TENNIS

Swedes still in running for a winning farewell

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd, champions of Australia and the *United States*, beat Paul Annacone and Christo van Rensburg 7-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the Nabisco Masters doubles tournament at the Albert Hall yesterday. On the first day the Swedes lost a match they had many chances to win. But under the all-play-all format they remain in the running for what may be their last big title as a team.

Edberg is so prominent in singles (as well as doubles) that towards the end of big events his game tends to lose just a little of its edge. That affects either his singles form or *his ability* to give Jarryd 100 per cent support in doubles. So Edberg and his coach, Tony Pickard, have decided that — in fairness to both Edberg and Jarryd — doubles should be given a miss in 1988.

Edberg and Jarryd will probably play doubles for Sweden in next week's Davis Cup final against India. After that, Jarryd will need another partner most urgently, for next month's Australian championships. He has won grand slam titles with three different partners and could build on that rare achievement. But he must find a smart doubles player whose abilities and temperament — are compatible with his own.

Back home, Edberg and Jarryd have both found the time to talk tennis — especially doubles — with the under-14 club teams, of both sexes, who compete from December to July in a national tournament sponsored by a travel agency. Now in its second year, the event has attracted 1,800 players. All are made aware that, in addition to encouraging the mutual aid of the team concept, the doubles game is essential to their all-round education in tennis.

Miloslav Mecir and Tomas Smid, who came back from nowhere in particular to frustrate the Swedes on Wednesday, beat Peter Doohan and Laurie Warder 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 yesterday. Mecir is a Slovak and Smid a Czech but, on court, each speaks his own language. *There is not much difference,* according to Mecir: just a matter of accent and a few grammatical variations.

The Mecir-Smid team is a phonetic reminder of a renowned fighter plane. Each enjoys the other's company and, given their combined talent, it is no surprise that this year they have won four tournaments and have been runners-up in two more. All those finals were on clay except for the indoor event at Wembley, where they beat the Wimbledon champions, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso.

Smid is a stout-hearted warhorse who competes in more tournaments than most men do. "I like to compete and I hate to lose," he said yesterday. "I never practise," he added, lying in order to make his point, "but I play singles and doubles — that's how I keep in shape."

Finally, your correspondent has misgivings about turning down Jarryd's offer that we *should form a team. It could* have been an exciting way to die.

RESULTS: Red Group: (Wednesday night): M Mecir and T Smid (Cz) bt S Edberg and A Jarryd (Swe), 2-6, 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, 7-5; K Flach and R Seguso (US) bt S Casal and E Sanchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. (Thursday) Mecir and Smid bt P Doohan and L Warder (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; Edberg and Jarryd (Swe) bt P Annacone (US) and C van Rensburg (SA), 7-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Taylor helps bridge the gap

By Rex Bellamy

Roger Taylor, the handsome hero of British tennis in the early years of open competition, is to help a maximum of four boys in their attempt to bridge the gap between junior and senior competition. The scheme will be sponsored by Dominion International and, next year, will probably cost it between £50,000 and £70,000.

Taylor is looking for candidates, roughly in the 17 to 18 age group, and hopes to select his squad by the end of January. He said yesterday that the likely *lads must be highly talented*, physically fit, and must have left school and be prepared to further their tennis apprenticeship with a programme of hard training: in the gymnasium and on court.

"What I need most of all," *Taylor said, "are instinctive* competitors who always think they can win. Talent alone is not enough. It's on the bad days that you have to keep going. Once we get the competitors, we're in business. We are looking for players whose games are already developed, but need finance and good coaching and direction."

The chosen players will be *based at Wimbledon* YMCA (a familiar haunt for Britain's aspiring players) and will do their court work at the Surrey Tennis and Country Club, Wallington. The daily programme Taylor has in mind for them, from Mondays to Fridays, *is a pre-breakfast run*, the rest of the morning in the gymnasium, and the afternoon on court.

Taylor reached the Wimbledon semi-finals three times, shared two United States doubles championships, and knows what it takes. "When you come into the seniors it's a tough business," he said. "We are trying to find a British player — or players — who can compete successfully at the top end of the international circuit."

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps makes mistake but improves record

From Chris Moore, Igls

Nick Phipps put his early season problems behind him with a *British* track record here yesterday during training for the two-man competition at the third round of the Foster's World Cup Series.

Phipps and *his breakman,* Alan Cearns, trimmed 0.28sec off their own previous British best time on the Austrian track despite a costly mistake on the ninth bend.

Their time of 55.07sec was the ninth fastest overall on yesterday's opening training run. "But for that mistake, it would have been the sixth fastest, which is very encouraging at this stage," Phipps said.

The absence of the top East Germans, including their reigning Olympic champion, Wolfgang Hoppe, who is taking a break after *last week's trip* to Calgary for pre-Olympic training, is an unexpected bonus for the rest of the field here, and the Austrians in particular.

The host nation, in the form of Ingo Appelt, hold pole position in the overall World Cup standings for both the four-man and combination categories.

Appelt is also in third place after the first two rounds of the two-man event, nine points behind Hoppe, who took a maximum 40 points from his two victories at Altenberg and Winterberg.

Appelt's main rivals this weekend are likely to be Janis Kipur and Zintis Ekmanis, the *two top Soviets*, and the world champion, Ralph Pichler, of Switzerland. The East Germans, who are represented here by their second string, are still understandably reluctant to comment *officially on last* month's defection to the West of Matthias Legler.

Attempts to discuss his "disappearance" on the final day of the World Cup round in Winterberg, West Germany, were met with a diplomatic shrug of the shoulders.

But Gion Caviezel, Britain's highly respected Swiss-based coach, who is one of the technical advisers to the sport's governing body, was told by the East German manager, Horst Hornlein, in Calgary last week, that Legler's defection had caused some consternation in the East German camp.

"He has left behind a wife and child and the impression I got was that the East Germans are really at a loss to understand his defection," Caviezel said.

SNOOKER

James and Roe made to suffer

By Steve Acteson

Steve James and David Roe suffered in a one-sided first session of the opening Foster's world doubles championship semi-finals at the hands of the favourites, Cliff Thorburn and Dennis Taylor, in Northampton yesterday and trailed 6-1 at the interval of the best-of-17 frames match.

The Midlands pair, whose previous victories were punctuated by a stream of high breaks, were ground down by the remorselessly efficient play of their opponents, who needed only three frames last night for a place in the weekend's final against either Silvino and Peter Francisco, of South Africa, or *Stephen Hendry and Mike Hallett, who play today.*

Thorburn and Taylor rarely scaled the heights but James and Roe scorned the few chances they had.

RESULTS: *Quarter-finals:* S and P Francisco (SA) bt D O'Kane (NZ) and J Wych (Can), 5-4. Frame scores (winners first): 21-62, 1-67, 58-73, 58-46, 57-26, 59-24, 45-55, 57-49, 82-45. M Hallett (Eng) and S Hendry (Scot) bt N Foulds (Eng) and T Griffiths (Wal) 5-1. Frame scores: 13-71, 41-61, *37-95, 52-64, 70-2, 48-72.* **Semi-final:** C Thorburn (Can) and D Taylor (N Ire) lead S James and D Roe (Eng), 6-1. Frame scores (leaders first): 15-65, 69-43, 77-17, 59-37, 61-33, 65-37, 59-16.

REAL TENNIS

Willis is at a loss for words

Bordeaux — Chris Bray, professional at Seacourt, Hayling Island, and the British under-21 champion, defeated Frank Willis, former British Open champion, 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 6-5 in the French Open championship, sponsored by Cos d'Estournel *Wines, here yesterday (William* Stephens writes).

Willis had three match points in the final set when leading 5-3 and 40-0, then two more at 5-5 and 40-15. At one point he thought he had won, owing to misunderstanding the scoring in French.

RESULTS: First round: S Ronaldson (Canford) bt M Hayward (Hampton Court), 6-1 4-6 6-5 6-3; **Second round:** C Bray (Seacourt) bt F Willis (Manchester), 6-2 6-2 4-6 4-6 6-5; D Johnson (Queen's) bt P Brake (Seacourt), 6-2 6-2 6-2; J Snow bt S Ronaldson, 6-3 6-2 6-4.

YACHTING

Sportsmen who are on wrong waveband

From Barry Pickthall
New York

Yachting, whose image has been *tarnished* in recent months by tales of cheating on the high seas, was rocked further yesterday by the revelations of the French yachtsman Bruno Troublé, who admitted to illicit goings-on, this time over the airwaves, by his team during this summer's Admiral's Cup series.

The former America's Cup skipper confirmed to me here *that the French were among* a number of teams to receive outside tactical assistance during the three inshore races.

Troublé, who skippered the one-tonner, Xeryus, said that the French coach, manager and others positioned around the course relayed information on the strength and changing direction of the wind during the races, *over pre-arranged VHF radio* frequencies.

Such broadcasts contravene both the spirit and letter of the yacht racing rules, but Troublé, questions whether the crews are guilty of any crime. "There are no rules to say that we cannot listen to the radio while racing and we never responded back," he said.

Troublé, who is *in* New York for the present round of America's Cup meetings between potential challengers and defenders, made this admission because of a deep concern for the sport, which *he says will die* unless the authorities face up to the widespread cheating now practised at the highest levels.

Troublé is highly critical of the Royal Ocean Racing Club's (RORC) handling of the I-Punkt affair and quite separate allegations laid against the British team, who are reported to have used their water tanks to alter *trim and displacement.*

"Cheating is widespread and the club was in an excellent position to clean up the sport by encouraging people to come forward with evidence. But the letter they sent to all crews who competed in the Admiral's Cup offered no immunity and, as a result, no one will come forward, especially after the ban imposed *on Andrew Cape* for exposing what went on aboard I-Punkt — that was terrible."

Part of the skill of racing around a short inshore or Olympic course is to judge the wind shifts and tidal changes correctly. If that is taken away by outside directions then Troublé is not alone in believing that not just skill, but much of the *enjoyment yacht racing* provides, will be lost.

"There is a strong risk that unless the British authorities tackle these problems now, interest in offshore racing and the next Admiral's Cup in particular will diminish," he said.

It is a point not lost on the RORC. Club Commodore Jonathan Bradbear announced yesterday that the *Club* was to *call* a meeting of 500 or more owners who participated in RORC races last season to a meeting at the London Boat Show on January 12, to discuss ways to rid the sport of cheats and rule-bending.

HOCKEY

Play-offs run to final game

From Cathy Harris
Barcelona

Great Britain **1**
Soviet Union **1**

Great Britain women's team *suffered a setback in their quest* for a place in next year's Olympics when they were held to a draw in an uncompromising match at the Polo Club here yesterday.

The Soviet Union, beaten 4-1 on Tuesday, fought back determinedly from being a goal down in the first half to force a draw and take the play-off into a third and decisive match tomorrow. It was an uninspiring display by the British, and there was particular disappointment for the captain, Barbara Hambly, who was celebrating her hun*dredth international*

Britain took the lead in the 24th minute, Alison Ramsay scoring when she followed up Jill Atkin's powerful corner drive. A series of superb saves by Wendy Banks, the Welsh goalkeeper, denied the Soviet Union, and her overall performance kept Britain in the match.

The Soviets quickly took the initiative in the second half, and within minutes Galina Chumakova equalized at a penalty corner. Dennis Hay, the Great Britain coach, said afterwards that his players had not had the confidence to play the ball around at the back to counteract their opponents, who had totally swamped midfield.

The Soviet coach twice substituted his substitute in a successful ploy to keep the pressure on Britain's defenders, who were constantly harried and found it increasingly difficult to supply the forwards with any quality ball.

Britain fought their way back into the match late in the second half and won a succession of penalty corners. Stifling tactics by the Soviets made goals difficult to come by, and when Feride Bilialova brilliantly saved Moira MacLeod's scorching shot off the line, it was obvious that Great Britain would have to settle for a draw.

GREAT BRITAIN: W Banks (Wal), V Dixon (Eng), M MacLeod (Sco), B Hambly (Eng), V McBride (NI), J Atkin (Eng), G Brown (Eng) (sub: C Jordan, Sco), K Brown (Eng), A Ramsay (Sco), M Cheetham (Eng), K Parker (Eng) (sub: W Fraser, Sco).
SOVIET UNION: E Kondrutskaya, S Abramenkova, N Krasnikova, T Zhuk, S Ivanova, E Razutova, L Chizhik, G Chumakova, F Bilialova, M Baikuzeva (sub: T Kuznetsova; sub: Z Nuneva; sub: N Puguina), Z Valuyskaya.
Umpires: R Tong (Switz) and S Hernandez (Sp).

BOWLS

Welsh pair recapture their misplaced talent

By David Rhys-Jones

Peter Jenkins and Mel Jones, of Myrthyr Tidfil, beat Phil Skoglund and Peter Bellis, of New Zealand, to secure a place in the semi-finals of the £50,000 Midland Bank world indoor pairs championship at the Bournemouth International Centre yesterday.

Although they are the present Welsh champions, Jenkins and *Jones have not played for their* country since 1980 and 1982 respectively. Jenkins, the lead, confesses that he is unable to play as often as he would like, as green space is so hard to come by for practice at his Myrthyr stadium, and has played only 10 or so games since September.

He showed his lack of match practice against Ireland in the first round, but is improving with every set he plays. Jones, his skip, is playing at the top of his form, and making large hints to the Welsh selectors who have *ignored him for* five years.

Skoglund and Bellis, a popular pair, sportingly conceded that they had been outplayed by the relatively unknown Welshmen, *although the first set went* to New Zealand 7-6 on a sudden-death extra end. In the second set, the advantage changed hands five times before the Welsh pair scored the winning shot on the seventh end.

RESULTS: Quarter-final: P Jenkins and M Jones (Wales) bt P Skoglund and P Bellis (NZ), 6-7, 8-6, 7-5, 8-4.

CYCLING

Webster pays for recovery

Darryl Webster has "invested" £1,000 in an effort to be fit enough to ride a full season of professional races next year (Peter Bryan writes). The Walsall rider, aged 25, who signed a professional contract last month, has hardly ridden since September because of an injured right knee.

Yesterday he was recovering from an operation on an ulcerated cartilage and another to repair a second cartilage, which was found to have a hole in it.

"Local hospitals could not promise me surgery for several months so I decided to have the operation done privately. It seems to have been a success and I am hoping to start training in January," he said. The operation, plus earlier physiotherapy, cost £1,000. Webster has just joined the Interent-Dawes team.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

RONCHETTI CUP: Women: Quarter-final pool: VS Prague 63, Sidis Ancona (It) 60; Deborah Milan 81, Racing Club Paris 47.
KORAC CUP: Quarter-final pool: Cibona Zagreb 81, Racing Club Paris 64; Arexons Cantu (It) 93, Jugoplastika Split 75; Monaco 66, Bologna 84; Estudiantes (Sp) 84, Villeurbanne (Fr) 74; Hapoel Tel Aviv 102, Zaragosa 96.

WOMEN'S CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Semi-final pool: Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 91, Agon Düsseldorf 68. Stade Francais Versailles 82, Sparta Prague 73.
CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Hemel and Watford Royals 92 (Thomas 43, Keenan 25), Polycell Kingston 124 (Bontrager 28, Moore 21); Sunderland 76ers 105 (Saunders 35, Lynch 30), Solent Stars 98 (Smith 24, Scott 22).

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Denver Nuggets 124, Boston Celtics 119; Philadelphia 76ers 94, Portland Trail Blazers 88; Washington Bullets 120, Los Angeles Lakers 112 (in OT); Dallas Mavericks 125, Sacramento Kings 98; Phoenix Suns 117, Atlanta Hawks 105; Golden State Warriors 113, Cleveland Cavaliers 112.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 4, St Louis Blues 4 (in OT); New York Rangers 2, Montreal Canadiens 2 (in OT); Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Calgary Flames 2; Hartford Whalers 5, Washington Capitols 4; New Jersey Devils 2, Los Angeles Kings 1; Buffalo Sabres 6, Chicago Black Hawks 2; Edmonton Oilers 2, Winnipeg Jets 0.

FIVES

JUBILEE CUP: University of London v The Nomads FC (University of London names first): **Doubles:** Hon D Carruthers (Royal Holloway) and K Hutchinson (University College) bt G Blackwood and S Mulligan, 15-11, 15-12, 11-15, 16-14; P Jenkins (University College) and S Reynolds (Imperial) bt S Rycar and C Tomlinson, 15-6, 15-7, 15-9. **Singles:** Carruthers bt Mulligan, 15-11, 15-11, 15-7; Hutchinson bt Blackwood, 15-7, 15-2, 16-14, 15-13; Jenkins bt Tomlinson, 16-14, 15-12, 15-12, 15-11. **Final:** Reynolds bt Rycar, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5.

SKATING

BRISBANE: World junior figure skating championships: Men's individual (short programme): 1, T Eldredge (US); 2, S Clark (US); 3, Y Tsimbaliuk (USSR). **Pairs** (short programme): 1, E Chernyshova and D Sukhanov (USSR); 2, Y Leshenko and A Bushkov (USSR); 3, K Yamaguchi and R Galindo (US).

FOOTBALL

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Portsmouth 2, Chelsea 0.
UBERLANDIA, Brazil: International match: Brazil 2, Chile 1.
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: Merdeka tournament: S Korea Olympic XI 2, FC Velez (Yug) 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Dunvant 13, Llanelli 55.

GOLF

ONNASON, Japan: Daikyo Open tournament: First round leaders (Japanese unless stated): 64: Y Yamamoto, M Kimura. 65: T Tanaka, Y Sugita. 66: D Ishii (US), T Ozaki, E Deguchi. *68: T M Chen (Taiwan), Lu Liang-huang* (Taiwan). 70: B Jones (Aus), Hsieh Min-nan (Taiwan). 71: G Marsh (Aus).
HERETAUNGA: New Zealand Open championship: First round leaders: 70: D Llewellyn (GB), G Waite (NZ), M Harwood (Aus). 71: A Painter (Aus), R Rafferty (GB), P Foley (Aus). 72: T Elliot (Aus), A Forsbrand (Swe), W Grady (Aus), F Nobilo (NZ), R Mueller (US), L Nelson (US), R Davis (Aus), A Labrooy (Aus), R Lendzion (US), I Baker-Finch (Aus), M Ferguson (Aus), W Case (US). 72: E Kaufmans (Can), G Kenny (Aus), M Moynihan (NZ), A Price (GB), R Shearer (Aus), C Warren (Aus), R Wilson (US), T Trimble (Aus), T *Moloney (Aus), M Colandro (US), G Healey* (Aus).

HOCKEY

ISLAMABAD: International series match: Pakistan 2, Netherlands 1 (Nations level 2-2 in five-match series).

Monthly Wrench

Dave Wrench, the Woolston and *Great Britain* loose forward, has won the Slalom Lager and Open Rugby Man-of-the-Month award.

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Time for cricket to accept need for technology

By A. H. Kardar

Captain of Pakistan in their first 23 Test matches (1952-58); also played for India, Oxford University and Warwickshire. Dominant figure in Pakistan cricket for many years and President of Board of Control 1972-77. Former Punjab Government minister

The happenings at Lahore during the first Test match and now the unsavoury incident at Faisalabad have established that cricket has staggered behind the revolution in communications and technology.

The television exposure by close-ups and slow-motion replays, watched by millions of people, has made it very hard for the umpires to be seen to perform with as much accuracy and evidence as we the spectators have at our command. Administrators have to take notice of these developments.

Side by side with this, another change has been brewing over the years with the attitude and behaviour of players towards umpires — there is hardly any decision that goes uncontested. There have been errors of judgement and there will be more in future, but in the not so long ago the players would walk off the field when they had, for instance, played and snicked the ball to the keeper. Now we see the batsmen looking away from the umpire and needing to be reminded that they have been given out. Even then, the players tend to walk off reluctantly. Is this all part of gamesmanship?

The situation demands of the administrators a positive approach to the technology available in 1987, such as computerised handling of bat-and-pad and behind-the-wicket catches. For lbw decisions, the umpires should study a small television set to see the replays, just as the spectators see them, and then, if they still are not too sure, base their decisions on a further, closer examination.

Having looked at the subject of disputed umpiring verdicts, I will now specifically refer to the happenings at Lahore and Faisalabad and Pakistani reaction to the players' gross aberrations.

This is how Gatting's behaviour on Tuesday evening was seen by the viewers . . . It all happened in a few seconds. Gatting, according to umpire Rana, removed a fielder from his original position without informing either the batsman or the umpire. Therefore, he declared a dead ball. Gatting was seen ferociously charging towards the umpire. This incident was shown in slow motion on television, which confirmed that the England skipper certainly lost control of himself, and there was an apparent exchange of heated words with both pointing fingers at each other.

This sad incident is regarded by Pakistanis as indicative of the fact that England are in the wrong. This feeling develops not so much from traditions of cricket but from the general, strong appreciation that umpires must have the last word.

With a supposedly more mature psyche, England have to show greater social restraint rather than a pugnacious street- fighter attitude.Pakistanis' views on umpires have the rationale of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. This is a reference to the David Constant issue while Pakistan were in England last summer; Pakistan objected to him but the Test and County Cricket Board included him on the Test list.

Some of the rigid attitudes taken in the current affair stem from the Pakistan national desire to be capable of taking independent decisions. Cricket for the past month has been the centre of all national activities . The nation, being preoccupied with this sport, sees the Test series as a chance for some vindication of its failures in the World Cup in October and November.

The Pakistani team felt extremely frustrated on occasions by ridiculous decisions by umpires. The accountability of the team to the nation is a continuous and lasting one . This being so, the nation demands success stories in greater abundance than in some of the other cricket-playing countries. West Indies in New Zealand and New Zealand in Australia have experienced similar frustrations.

There is another factor. The financial stakes are very high, and the tendency is to win at all costs and to perform at all costs. The shift from non-material to material values is obvious and overwhelming.

In this context, I recall the Idris Beg incident. This was a case of the 1955 MCC team in Pakistan manhandling an umpire. Luckily, it was resolved within 24 hours and it was possible to commence play on the last day, when Pakistan won the match before lunch. With that happy ending, the people of Pakistan readily forgave and forgot the episode.

Ian Johnson's Australian team of 1956 did well to ask specifically for Idris Beg to officiate for the Test. I hope the present episode will be forgotten and that the next England team to Pakistan will specifically ask Shakeel and Shakoor Rana to stand as umpires.

Gatting is sticking to his guns

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Faisalabad

As midnight approached here yesterday, there was still no settlement of the dispute which had already cost a full day's play in the second Test match between England and Pakistan.

After a two-hour meeting in Lahore in the morning between Peter Lush, the England manager, and Pakistani officials, Lush returned to Faisalabad for further consultation with Lord's and with his captain and assistant manager.

It seemed likely by now that unless an agreement was reached last night the current Test match, if not the tour, would have to be cancelled. It is hard to think that anyone has much taste left for it, anyway — players, umpires or spectators.

The sticking point continues to be the apology which Gatting is still asking for from Shakoor Rana, the umpire who, according to the captain, called him a cheat. Shakoor denies this and he has been further antagonized by a broadcast from England which he considers to have been damaging.

We left Peter Lush on Wednesday evening at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, which is the headquarters of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan. He had arrived to find that General Saftar Butt, the president of the board, was out to dinner and unavailable.

Although without any overnight bag (Lahore is a good two-hour drive from here), he managed to find the last bed at one of the city's two most modern hotels and to arrange a meeting with the general at 10 a.m. yesterday with the board's secretary (Ijaz Butt) and the incorrigible Hasib Ahsan in attendance.

This lasted for two hours. Three hours later Lush was back in Faisalabad at the team's hotel looking no less tense and troubled than he had been on Wednesday. "It is a very tough nut to crack," he said. His aim now, I think, was to get Gatting and Shakoor together. The telephone bill to Lord's rose rapidly but still the hours passed with no one seeing the wood for the trees

There is little doubt that if the situation had been reversed and England, not Pakistan, had been in a hazardous position on a turning pitch, we should have had a full day's play on Wednesday, or that if the Pakistan board had needed to find two new umpires to control the match they could have done so.

To say that Shakoor is not under the authority of the board in the same way that Bird and Constant would be in England is a red herring. Pakistan were going to have their pound of flesh. Without losing face, England could have denied them simply by issuing the apology which Gatting was prepared to give, without the rider that Shakoor must apologize in return.

If the match does restart today, I can see plenty of umbrage yet to come. Pakistan are saying they will not agree to make up for the full day's play already lost. When play ended on Tuesday they were 106 for five in the first innings in reply to England's 292. They have saved the follow-on and will no doubt play for time when England bat again. To make things more difficult still for England today, there has to be a 90-minute interval for lunch to allow time for prayers (being Friday).

As a random example of what a different cricketing world it is over here, and of the improvization that pervades it, in the last 25 years 12 of the 22 instances of a batsman being out "handled the ball" have occurred in Pakistan. Six of the last eight cases of out "obstructing the field" and the last five of out "hit the ball twice" have also been in this country.

Yet in fairness to Pakistan it has to be said that they have led the field in advocating neutral umpires for Test matches and the formation of an international panel.

So far as Law 42 (Fair and Unfair Play) goes, the umpire's interpretation of it, however questionable, must be accepted on the field. The time to challenge it is afterwards. On Tuesday evening Gatting could clearly be seen signalling to a fielder after Salim Malik, the batsman, had taken his stance.

But by having first told Malik what he was up to, Gatting had put himself in the clear. Shakoor's action was needlessly aggressive but as "the sole judge of fair and unfair play" he was entitled to take it.

Moving fielders after the batsman has settled and the bowler has begun his run-up is not an uncommon practice.

It is only when it is a significant adjustment — such as moving a fielder from slip to leg slip — that it amounts to sharp practice and it is something Gatting would never think of doing. Very few captains would. Gatting is at once intensely combative and completely fair; but he is also, I am afraid, too stubborn for his own good.

Restless day: a pretty pass as Gatting puts the boot in and Shakoor corners passers-by (Photographs: Graham Morris)

History of controversy

Gatting and Rana first encountered each other nearly 10 years ago in Karachi during Gatting's first Test match. Shakoor and Amanullah Khan were the umpires in the match when Gatting was out leg-before in both innings — to a googly from Abdul Qadir in the first innings, offering no stroke, and to a full toss from Iqbal Qasim in the second.

There were six leg-before decisions in England's first innings, equalling the Test record, and, according to *Wisden*, "some did not pass without controversy".

When England were next in Pakistan, in 1984, Shakoor and Khizar Hayat umpired the first Test match, which England lost. Gatting was leg-before, padding up, in the second innings and the report speaks of "three controversial decisions". Between these tours Shakoor had experienced English cricket in 1981 under the scheme, now abandoned, that brought two overseas umpires to the county circuit for a summer.

Voice of reason from Lord's

By Alan Lee

The fires of resentment may still be burning in Pakistan, but back in St John's Wood yesterday, cricket's hierarchy soberly doused the flames with words and actions urging compromise in the wake of confrontation.

Those who expected fierce recriminations and sweeping disciplinary measures must have thought they had come to the wrong place. Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), emerged pin-striped and purposeful from the body's scheduled meeting to read a statement which had the words "peace and diplomacy" etched in every sentence.

There was no question of calling the England team home, no mention of sacking the captain, and no reference to cheats of any description. "Every effort must be made to restart the Test match tomorrow morning," the statement went. And if it initially sounded disappointingly flabby, after all the sensational developments in Faisalabad, it was undoubtedly the voice of reason.

Smith has made his name as an expert in the art of saying nothing. He even made a joke about it yesterday when pressed by a television reporter. "I'm not known for making rash statements," he said, smirking. In this instance, however, Smith's foreign office style, allied to the persuasive charm of Board chairman Raman Subba Row, have been England's strongest artillery in a war that cannot be won.

The TCCB, in true British fashion, spent almost five hours discussing domestic issues and various intricate regulation changes, before the Pakistan crisis was raised in "any other business". The debate lasted no more than 40 minutes and, according to Smith, did not even touch on the widely touted options of abandoning the tour and disciplining Gatting.

Behind the scenes, activity had been deceptively brisk. Smith and Subba Row spent as much time on the telephone in the Board's offices as they spent in their committee room seats. Regular calls, to and from Pakistan, punctuated the day. Each time, the message from London was the same — keep talking, find a solution, and finish the tour.

"If I get any sleep at all tonight," Smith said, "I very much hope to wake up and discover that Pakistan are 127 for nine with everyone concentrating on the game again."

He conceded, however, that Gatting's behaviour and the wider implications of the spirit in which this series has been conducted, cannot pass without serious investigation. "When the chaps come home, it will be necessary to have a major debriefing exercise," he said, though as their scheduled return is late on December 22, it will be January before this is underway.

"The Board's executive committee must decide how best to conduct the inquiry and when it will take place. It is premature to talk of any disciplinary measures at this stage."

Gatting's position as captain may ultimately be in the hands of Peter May, chairman of selectors.

May appeared on television yesterday, apparently putting the writing on the wall by stressing: "Dissent on the field is unacceptable under any circumstances." However, he later sought out the reporter concerned and demanded to know why his next remark, one of sympathy for Gatting, had been edited out. The status quo still exists, Gatting remaining in charge — at least until January.

The covers going back on

By Alan Lee

Cricket's hugely unpopular experiment with uncovered pitches in championship matches has been scrapped after just one season. As from next summer, all pitches will be fully covered once again.

This measure, passed by a big majority of delegates at yesterday's winter meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board, will placate county captains, who were unanimously resentful at being presented with a fait-accompli last year, much against their collective will.

The new regulation will apply to all games in the championship, not exclusively to four-day matches, as had been expected. "It was thought there should be consistency of conditions," explained chief executive Alan Smith.

A reduction in the residential qualification period for players from overseas was also agreed. Instead of 10 years, a foreigner can now qualify for England in seven, which is especially good news for the gifted Zimbabwean, Graeme Hick.

Hick can now play for England in 1991, while the West Indian, Alvin Kallicharran, can theoretically play for England next summer. His priority, however, and an issue on which he was prepared to take court action, is to establish his status as an English qualified player

Umpires under pressure in India

Bombay (Reuter) — The new Indian captain, Dilip Vengsarkar, yesterday called for firm action by umpires to reimpose discipline on the field of play. "Umpires should put their foot down — umpires must object to such behaviour," he said in a reference to India's present series against West Indies.

Vengsarkar, speaking on the eve of the second Test match, declined to comment on events in Pakistan. He was clearly referring to an incident in Tuesday's one-day international in Nagpur when he said: "As far as we are concerned, we behave ourselves. We hope they will do the same."

In the incident at Nagpur, the West Indies captain, Viv Richards, threw down the ball in disgust after the umpire, Rajen Mehra, hesitated to say he had fairly caught Vengsarkar, off Winston Benjamin's bowling.

Mehra, who was uncertain whether the ball had carried despite Richards's loud appeal, ruled Vengsarkar out after consulting the other umpire. But Richards was outraged that his word had been doubted. "It was a positive catch — I play positive cricket; I don't cheat," he said after the match.

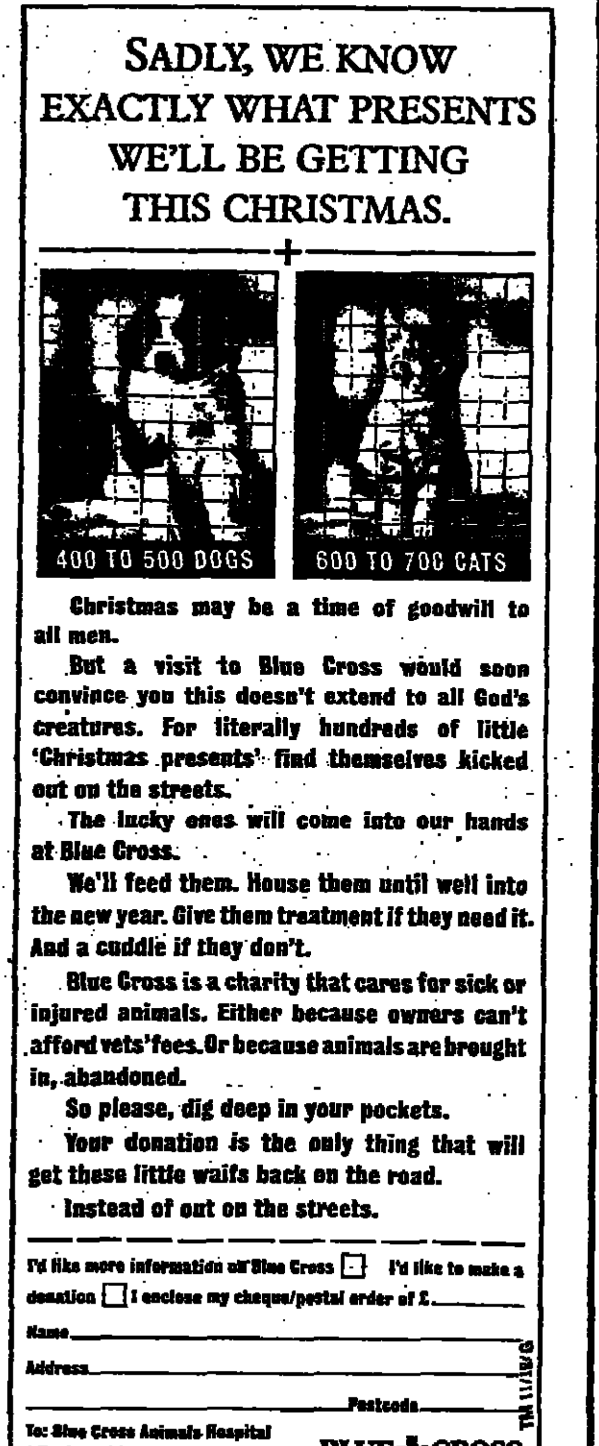
Yesterday he declined to say he was happy with the standard of umpiring on the tour so far, but added: "I don't think we have had any apologizing to do." Neither captain would offer views on the call for neutral umpires after the controversy in Pakistan.

The Indian manager, G S Ramchand, described the problems there as serious" and Richards added: "I am sad to hear some of the things that are going on there."

● BOMBAY — West Indies seem certain to be without vice-captain, Roger Harper, for the second Test match (AFP reports). Harper sprained his left ankle during Tuesday's 10-run victory at Nagpur. "Only a miracle will see Harper fit to play," Richards said after a practice session at the Wankhede stadium.

INDIA (probable): D B Vengsarkar (capt), K Srikkanth, Arun Lal, M Amarnath, Azharuddin, R J Shastri, Kapil Dev, More, A Ayub, C Sharma, Maninder Singh.
WEST INDIES (from): G G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, I V A Richards (capt), A L Logie, P J L Dujon, C L Hooper, W K M Benjamin, W W Davis, C A Walsh, B P Patterson, W K M Benjamin, P V Simmons, C G Butts.

● ADELAIDE — New Zealand have dropped Ewen Chatfield, the veteran fast bowler, from the team to play Australia in the second Test match, which starts here today (AFP reports). He is replaced by Evan Gray, the left-arm spin bowler. Meanwhile, May, the Australian off-spin bowler, who underwent a precautionary brain scan yesterday after complaining of dizziness and blurred vision, is confident of being fit to make his Test debut.



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Clough fails to take Hodge back

Brian Clough's attempt to take Steve Hodge back to Nottingham Forest from Tottenham Hotspur has failed. When Clough heard that the England midfield player could not settle in London, he promptly put in a bid but the rejection from Terry Venables came yesterday.

● **Blackpool** have agreed to pay £75,000 for the **Plymouth Argyle** midfield player, Russell Coughlin.

● **Millwall** have signed the forward, Robbie Cooke, from **Brentford** for £30,000.

● **Oldham Athletic** have sold their utility player, Tony Henry, to **Stoke City** for £40,000. ● Police have fixed a crowd limit of 9,950 for Yeovil Town's FA Cup third round tie against **Queen's Park Rangers** on January 9.

● **Doncaster Rovers** have won their appeal against the deduction of two points by the Football League for postponing a match at Chester on October 10.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Award for Faldo

Nick Faldo, winner of the Open, and Fatima Whitbread, who took the javelin title at the world athletics championship, last night received their awards as sportsman and sportswoman of the year at the 39th annual dinner of the Sports Writers' Association. Tony Jacklin flew in from the United States only hours before the dinner to receive the team award on behalf of the successful European Ryder Cup team. Stephen Hendry, the snooker player, was voted the international newcomer of the year.

Okamoto top

Ayako Okamoto, the first non-American to lead the money-winning list on the US LPGA tour, was named yesterday as Japan's outstanding professional sports personality in 1987. The Japan Professional Sports Council said Okamoto garnered 38 of 41 votes cast.

Wood of the highest grade

Seeded top

Clare Wood, the Wightman Cup player, will be the top seed in the annual Christmas tournament organized by the British Women's Tennis Association. The event will be played at Queen's Club, West Kensington, from December 14 to 17.

Getting closer

Oldham, the second division Rugby League leaders, have increased their bid for Mike Ford, the Leigh scrum half, from £30,000 to £45,000.

Travers out

Dan Travers, the Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, has been forced out of this weekend's Sun Life invitation badminton tournament at Bishopbriggs through injury. The stomach muscle strain he sustained at last week's Welsh open championship proved more serious than was first thought

New setback

Leigh Rugby League club, presently struggling, have suffered a new setback with the resignation of Derek Harley, a director. Leigh, who have won only two of their last 11 games, have recently received transfer requests from three top players.

Recommended

Nottinghamshire have completed the signing of Franklyn Stephenson, a West Indian fast bowler, as their new overseas player. Stephenson, aged 28, played in the Bolton League last season and was recommended by Richard Hadlee.

Harris exploits decline

By Colin McQuillan

It comes as no surprise to those who have followed his splendid junior career that Del Harris is the young professional who has best exploited the most open InterCity national squash championships for years, at Bristol.

With the 10-year domination of Philip Kenyon and Gawain Briars plainly ending, an eager group of players recognized 1987 as a year in which they might enhance their careers with the national title.

Harris, aged 18 and seeded ninth, was among the anticipated group. His increasingly impressive removal from successive rounds of the defending British champion, Bryan Beeson, the Welsh champion, Adrian Davies, and the top seed, Neil Harvey, confirmed in the most forceful manner his real potential at world-class level.

Ashley Naylor, aged 27 and a six-times Yorkshire champion, took time off from his studies to exploit a similar seedings collapse in the other half of the draw.

But Harvey was left panting in their 9-5, 9-5, 9-3, semi-finals. As a struggling professional, Harvey, aged 27 earned vital pennies from the early Harris sponsors as sparring partner for the prodigy.

As his own hopes of ta the title faded, he might regretted the impetu must have added to junior to emerge in British squash.

RESULTS: Semi-final: Men: [illegible] (Essex) bt N Harvey (Essex), 9-5, A Naylor (Yorkshire) bt M Bodo (Berks), 9-5, 9-0, 5-9, 9-7. Women: [illegible] (Notts) bt R Best (Ire), 9-0, 9-5, Soutter (Glos) bt M Le Moignan (Han 5, 6-9, 9-4, 9-6. Finals: Men: O Robinson (Yorks) bt A Kaoud (Middx 9-4, 7-9, 9-1, 9-7. Women: A C (Norfolk) bt S Wrench (Bedfordshire), 9-2, 9-3. O 45: Men: M Khalifa (Mersey) M Grundy (Yorkshire), 4-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-5. Women: P Francis (Lancs) bt D Corf (Kent), 9-3, 9-3, 9-1. Pairmen: Men: Scott (Yorks) bt G Fernando (Herts), 9-1, 8-10, 10-8. Women: S Langley-Fos (Northants) bt H Rutt (Beds), 9-3, 9-2, 9-

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